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## Herut convention begins

# Moment of truth for Premier Shamir

By MENACHEM SHALEV  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The best political show in town gets under way this morning as over 2,000 Herut activists, fervently hoping that last year's chaos will not be repeated, come to the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds for the Herut convention.

The convention is seen as a crucial test for Herut and its leader, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. If the convention again degenerates into disorder, Shamir's hold over the party will be seriously undermined and, observers say, the lifespan of the National Unity Government drastically shortened.

A major stumbling block to a peaceful convention appeared to have been removed last night when Minister Moshe Katsav, chairman of the presidium, announced that he would not vie against Deputy Prime Minister David Levy for the post of deputy chairman.

Katsav, who has been under increasing fire from Levy and his supporters during the last few days, told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that his decision was "not a sign of weakness." Katsav said that he had received "hundreds of appeals" urging him to compete and although confident that he would win, he is more concerned about ensuring

party unity and a peaceful convention.

MK and former finance minister Aridor, on the other hand, on Friday resisted Shamir's efforts to dissuade him from competing against Minister Moshe Arens for the post of chairman of the party secretariat. Aridor, the incumbent, is said to be disappointed at Herut leaders for excluding him from the cabinet and is in no mind to give up the powerful post without a fight.

The Arens-Aridor confrontation was, as of last night, the greatest source of concern for the Shamir-Aridor camp. Aridor is likely to be supported by Levy backers against arch-rival Arens and he also commands the personal allegiance of members of the other camps. Arens's defeat would deal a serious blow to the Shamir camp and Arens's chances of succeeding Shamir.

Shamir, whose election as party chairman is assured, will call on the convention to elect the three ministers to the party posts in the interests of "party unity."

In a meeting in Tel Aviv last night, Arens lashed out sharply at Levy, saying that "the attempt to pit contenders against ministers was like playing Russian roulette with the future" of Herut.

Arens last night announced formally for the first time that he would seek the secretariat post. He

had been under pressure from supporters to compete against Levy.

Late last night Katsav was still under heavy pressure to reverse his earlier position and to compete against Levy, who, Shamir supporters say, is the main instigator of the internal rivalries and yet faces no serious opposition himself. As of last night, Levy was opposed only by MK Meir Cohen-Avidov, a Sharon supporter. Shamir backers said last night that they would either vote against Levy or abstain, and one quipped that "we may yet wake up on Monday morning with Cohen-Avidov as our deputy chairman."

Minister Ariel Sharon, who will compete with Reuven Rivlin and MK Ovadia Ail for the chairmanship of the central committee, last night called on Shamir to assert his "leadership" and to ensure the election of the three ministers.

The convention is slated to open at 11 a.m., cutting short the customary Sunday cabinet meeting in Jerusalem. It will be under heavy security guard and is expected to be attended by several foreign diplomats, possibly including U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering. Leaders of other parties have not been invited, but Labour Secretary-General Uzi Baram said last night that (Continued on Page 2, Col. 6)

## Step towards int'l conference

# China announces talk with Israel

Compiled from reports by DAVID LANDAU in Hong Kong, WALTER RUBY at the UN, and agency dispatches.

China's official announcement yesterday that a high-level meeting had taken place between Chinese and Israeli officials was greeted in Hong Kong as a significant development in the two countries' delicate relationship.

Diplomats and other China-watchers stressed that the Xinhua news agency report of the meeting was unprecedented. The meeting itself is believed not to be the first of its kind.

Xinhua reported, on its Chinese-language service, that Foreign Ministry Director-General Avraham Tamir met with the Chinese permanent representative to the UN, Li Luyue, at UN headquarters in New York on Friday.

The Chinese agency and the Israeli spokesman at the UN said the talks focused on Middle East peace efforts and a possible international peace conference.



Avraham Tamir (IPFA)

"It was in a UN context rather than a bilateral context, and one of a series of meetings being held with members of the Security Council," Israeli UN spokesman Eyal Arad said.

The meeting was held at Israel's initiative and was arranged by the two countries' UN missions, he added.

Arad said although Israel was the seventh country to recognize the Peking government following the

1949 Communist revolution in China, the two countries had never established diplomatic relations.

Israel has shown growing interest in establishing diplomatic ties with China in recent years, and there have been reports of trade contracts through third countries.

Also taking part in Friday's meeting between Li and Tamir were Avi Primor, deputy director-general of the Foreign Ministry in charge of African and Asian affairs and Israeli UN ambassador Binyamin Netanyahu.

The Xinhua report said: "Israel requested to meet with representatives of the permanent members of the Security Council, including China." The Chinese agency thus carefully set the encounter within a UN framework.

Tamir and Li discussed the Middle East situation at UN headquarters. Li explained China's positions on the Middle East - that it supports an international peace conference on the Middle East under UN auspices and that the PLO is entitled to take part in such a conference.

The reference to an international conference must be especially gratifying to the Peking government following the (Continued on Back Page)

## 'U.S. spy in Israel' leak will be probed

WASHINGTON. - The U.S. Senate has opened an investigation into the accuracy and propriety of Republican Senator David Durenberger's suggestion that the U.S. recruited a senior Israeli army officer during the war in Lebanon in 1982.

The Minnesota lawmaker, the immediate past Chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, has been sharply criticized by U.S. national security officials for supposedly releasing sensitive and classified information.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger has publicly denied Durenberger's allegation that the U.S. used an Israeli military officer as a spy. Israeli leaders have also firmly denied the senator's statements.

But *The Washington Post* and other U.S. sources in Washington have confirmed the thrust of his remarks, which were first reported in *The Jerusalem Post*. These sources said the mysterious officer worked for the U.S. from 1982 until 1984.

On March 15, Durenberger had told two Jewish groups in Palm Beach, Florida, that by authorizing the use of the Israeli officer to spy against Israel, CIA Director William Casey had "changed the rules of the game," possibly setting the stage for Israel's recruitment of former U.S. naval intelligence analyst Jonathan Jay Pollard in 1984.

"We changed the rules in the early 1980s," Durenberger is quoted as having said. "We recruited an Israeli to spy on Israel, and he got caught.... What I'm really saying to you is that this is not a one-way street. I can't justify Pollard, but I can understand it."

*The New York Times* said yesterday that the Senate Ethics Committee's preliminary investigation into (Continued on Back Page)

## IDF clash with Amal reported

Jerusalem Post Staff

Israeli forces clashed with Shi'ite Amal militiamen yesterday evening during what was apparently an attack on terrorist strongholds in and around villages north of the security zone in Lebanon, news agencies in Beirut reported after midnight.

According to an Amal communiqué delivered to several Beirut newspapers, five Israeli soldiers were wounded in the clash. Reuter news agency quoted Tyre police as saying that about 60 Israeli troops had landed from two helicopters at 7 p.m. in the village of Siddikin, just north of the security zone.

The Israelis fired assault rifles and heavy machine-guns during the operation to cut roads leading to the nearby Shi'ite villages of Yater, Kafra and Jibal al-Baten, the agency quoted police as saying.

Amal sources reported casualties on both sides, Reuter said.

## Herzog's action on underground assailed by left, right

By JUDY SIEGEL, ASHER WALLFISH and BERNARD JOSEPHS  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

President Herzog was under fire from the left - and facing pressure from the right - last night over his decision to set a maximum 24-year jail sentence for three members of the Jewish terrorist underground.

The three - Menahem Livni, Shaul Nir and Uzi Sharabas - are serving life sentences for murder. They were convicted of carrying out a machine-gun attack on the Islamic College in Hebron in which three students were killed.

They will now be entitled to home leave, probably as early as Pessah, and are likely to receive a one-third remission in their sentence for good behaviour.

The official announcement, on Friday, was apparently timed to come just before the weekend so as to limit the impact and reduce the amount of publicity.

Livni's wife Tsipora, whose husband has now been three years in jail, said she was pleased he would receive home leave. But she added, it was "shameful" that the president had not pardoned all three men.

Public opinion polls showed the vast majority of people thought a pardon should be granted, she claimed. Setting a 24-year maximum term had "pleased only the left and the enemies of Israel."

Voices on the right, including that of Likud Knesset faction chairman MK Haim Kaufman, welcomed the president's move but called for the men to be pardoned.

They were matched by those on the left who condemned Herzog's actions as an encouragement to terrorism.

Said Kaufman: "I hope that on Independence Day the president will grant all the members of the Jewish underground full pardons and wipe out their criminal records."

Another Likud MK Dov Shilansky, who is chairman of the House Interior Committee responsible for (Continued on Back Page)

## Carter wants PLO at international parley

By JOEL GREENBERG

Touring the West Bank yesterday, former U.S. president Jimmy Carter said the PLO should take part in an international Middle East peace conference.

In meetings with local Palestinians leaders on Friday, Carter said he would recommend to the U.S. administration that it push for an international conference and talk with PLO representatives, participants in the meetings reported.

Carter lunched yesterday in Bethlehem with mayor Elias Freij and the mayors of Jericho, Beit Sahur and Beit Jallah, after travelling to Hebron to visit the Cave of the Patriarchs. Settlers at the site shouted at him, "Israel is not for sale." He later told reporters: "There is a lot of animosity. The Holy places are full of weapons, and it is obvious that they (the Palestinians) are living in very unpleasant circumstances." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)



Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter gasps for air outside the Dung Gate on a morning jog around the Old City on Friday. (Rahamim Israeli)

## Soviets allow refusenik protest

By WALTER RUBY and Agencies

Some 30 refuseniks staged a demonstration in the Soviet capital on Friday, but unlike last month's protests, police did not intervene.

At the same time, several Soviet Jews in Moscow and abroad have started hunger strikes.

The demonstrators gathered at a central Moscow park Friday, bearing signs demanding visas to Israel or reunion with family members abroad. The protest lasted about 45 minutes.

Yosef Begun and his son, Boris, participated. Some of the refuseniks said they had been called at home the previous night by local government officials and told they should not participate in the protest because their safety could not be guaranteed. But unlike the Jews who demonstrated on the Arbat last month and who were beaten and detained, Friday's protesters were not disturbed by police.

The Public Council for Soviet Jewry said in Tel Aviv last night that the demonstrators had presented a list of

demands to the nearby Ovir office which handles exit visas and that they planned to demonstrate for another two days.

Begun told reporters that British Premier Margaret Thatcher, who arrived in Moscow yesterday, had invited him to a British embassy breakfast on Wednesday.

Thatcher plans to discuss human rights and nuclear arms issues in her talks with Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Thatcher's decision to breakfast (Continued on Page 3)

## Car-bomb in Beirut kills 7

BEIRUT. - Seven people were killed and 12 wounded yesterday morning when a car bomb exploded on a beachfront boulevard in Syrian-policed west Beirut. It was the first such bombing since the Syrians moved into Beirut last month.

Most of the casualties were civilians strolling or sitting along the seaside thoroughfare in the Ramlet al-Baida district.

A police spokesman said two people were killed in a Renault car parked next to the bomb car. The charge was estimated as 75kg. of "heavy explosives."

Angry Syrian troops brandishing assault rifles barred reporters from approaching the scene. Film was confiscated, four photographers were beaten up and one, struck by a rifle, had his mouth cut open.

# 'Heavengate' titillates America

By SIMON HOGGART

WASHINGTON. - Most Americans aren't born-again Christians, and so have been following the "Holy Wars" here with raptorial and glee. Another delightful coincidence has come along: a new book called *Christian Wives*, on how to stay happily married while true to God, is almost out. The author is Tammy Faye Bakker, wronged wife of the TV evangelist Jim Bakker, and a central character in what is probably the biggest religious scandal of the century.

Mrs. Bakker takes an old-fashioned view of marriage and believes that a man should always be head of the house. "I love being under submission to my husband," she wrote, adding that a wife should always "dress sexy and keep herself excit-

ing." She reveals that she never takes off her make-up, not even in bed.

This must be why her face looks thickly encrusted with geological oons of gunk. Some people who've seen the "Jim and Tammy Show" suspect that it may be too late ever to remove it. Goodness knows what her pillows look like.

The Holy Wars, or "Heavengate" as some papers call it, has held America transfixed for a week. It has also delighted "People for the American Way," a growing liberal lobby group in Washington which has been hammering at the TV preachers for years, hoping to expose their methods, their far-right politics and their stupendous wealth. Now it suddenly looks as if the preachers are doing the job for them.

Before his dalliance with a 21-year-old secretary, Bakker had what was the fastest growing TV ministry, with some 14 million people reckoning to watch the daily show at least some of the time. More valuable, he has half a million "members" who send in \$15 a month. With other contributions, solicited during each show, the annual income is well over \$100 million.

Much of this has gone to building a vast theme park in South Carolina called "Heritage USA," the third most popular in the country after Disneyland and Disney World. That cost around \$160 million, and Bakker had been planning a full-size replica of the Crystal Palace for a further \$75 million. In spite of its massive income, Bakker's (Continued on Page 3)

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# HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

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## Tens of thousands expected in Land Day protest

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
SAKHININ. - Tens of thousands of Arabs in Israel and the territories are expected to take to the streets tomorrow to mark the 11th anniversary of Land Day.

The first Land Day demonstrations, held to protest against the expropriation of Arab-owned land, resulted in rioting and death.

Six Arabs were killed in violent clashes with police. Scores of other people, including members of the security forces, were injured.

The authorities are hoping that tomorrow will not see events similar to those of 1976.

Extra police and Border Police will be on duty throughout the day but, as in previous years, they are expected to maintain a low profile, in keeping with the policy adopted since the first riots.

Trouble, if it does arise, is likely to be confined to the territories, where

there has been a wave of unrest recently.

As a precaution, OC Central Command Aluf Ehud Barak has ordered the closure of two universities where there were disturbances in the past.

Security in the territories is expected to be tight throughout the day, especially in view of the disquiet and the hunger strike by Arab security prisoners.

The main organized Land Day events areas scheduled to take place at three main centres within the Green Line.

Marches and mass rallies are to be staged at the town of Umm al-Fahm and the villages of Arraba in the Galilee and Rahat in the Negev.

Ostensibly, the expropriation of Arab land will be the main topic on the agenda at the rallies, despite the return to Arab farmers in the Sakhnin region of large tracts of land that formed part of the former military

training zone known as Area Nine. Arab leaders maintain that the government has found new ways of taking land that belongs to them, by putting it under the jurisdiction of Jewish regional councils.

They also intend to raise several other issues and grievances. These include opposition to the Markovitz Committee's report on illegal buildings, which they say was drafted without any consultation with them; calls for financial parity between Arab councils and similar-sized Jewish local authorities; demands to stamp out racism; and an end to alleged discrimination against Arab residents of mixed Arab-Jewish centres like Jerusalem and Acre. (See Arab local councils, Page 4).

They also plan to use the occasion to denounce the "iron-fist" policies of the security forces in the territories and against pro-Syrian Druse residents of the Golan Heights, and to declare their solidarity with the

PLO in its battle for survival against the Syrians and Amal Shi'ite militiamen in Lebanon.

Land Day is traditionally a show of strength for the Israeli communist Party (Rakah). The main events are organized by the Committee for the Protection of Arab Land, a Communist-dominated organization, in conjunction with the national committee of Arab local councils.

The two bodies recently rejected calls by the Communists' rivals, the Progressive List for Peace (PLP), to declare a one-day general strike tomorrow.

Nevertheless, most businesses, shops and offices are expected to close for at least part of the day while the marches and rallies are in progress.

The PLP is organizing its own "breakaway" parade and rally at the village of Tira in the Triangle.

Despite the split, however, Land Day is observed by most Arabs in

Israel and the territories in one form or another.

It has become an important date on the Arab calendar and there is a growing movement within the community to turn March 30 into a national holiday.

Ibrahim Nimr Hussein, chairman of the national committee of Arab local councils, intends to raise the idea at the next meeting of the committee.

"I think the time is ripe to press the government to declare Land Day a national holiday for the Arab community," said Hussein, who is also mayor of Shfaram.

The suggestion has the support of moderate Arabs, including deputy chairman of the committee, Mohammed Ghanayim, head of Sakhnin local council. Three residents of the village were among the six who died in the first Land Day riots.

The idea of turning Land Day into a national holiday is also supported

by PLP MK Mohammed Miarri. "I think it is the right of Arabs to be able to commemorate this day and to use the opportunity to air our other grievances," he said.

Some hard-liners, however, take the view that a national holiday would be an inappropriate way of marking a date on which six people died.

Joel Greenberg adds: To prevent possible violence connected with Land Day, OC Central Command Barak has closed An-Najah University in Nablus until April 11, and Bethlehem University until April 1.

Al-Rawda College in Nablus cancelled classes for a week beginning March 24 to avoid violence, and Bir Zeit University has also closed down until after Land Day. A Bir Zeit spokesman said the closure was for academic reasons and had nothing to do with the Land Day anniversary.

### The weather at major Swissair destinations

|                | 28.3.87 | MIN. | MAX. |        |
|----------------|---------|------|------|--------|
| AMSTERDAM      | 5       | 41   | 8    | Cloudy |
| BRUSSELS       | 5       | 41   | 8    | Cloudy |
| BUENOS AIRES   | 19      | 67   | 81   | Clear  |
| CHICAGO        | 4       | 39   | 47   | Blue   |
| COPENHAGEN     | 5       | 41   | 8    | Blue   |
| FRANKFURT      | 7       | 45   | 12   | Cloudy |
| GENEVA         | 5       | 41   | 8    | Cloudy |
| HELSINKI       | 1       | 25   | 3    | Cloudy |
| HONG KONG      | 18      | 64   | 19   | Cloudy |
| JERUSALEM      | 11      | 52   | 72   | Clear  |
| LONDON         | 7       | 44   | 18   | Cloudy |
| MADRID         | 8       | 46   | 16   | Cloudy |
| MONTREAL       | 11      | 51   | 67   | Clear  |
| NEW YORK       | 11      | 51   | 67   | Clear  |
| OSLO           | 2       | 36   | 3    | Blue   |
| PARIS          | 7       | 45   | 18   | Cloudy |
| RIO DE JANEIRO | 19      | 64   | 19   | Cloudy |
| SAO PAULO      | 22      | 72   | 31   | Cloudy |
| STOCKHOLM      | 9       | 52   | 5    | Cloudy |
| TOKYO          | 9       | 43   | 12   | Cloudy |
| VIENNA         | 6       | 48   | 13   | Cloudy |
| ZURICH         | 3       | 37   | 13   | Cloudy |

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|             | Yesterday's | Yesterday's | Today's |
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|             | Humidity    | Min-Max     | Max     |
| Jerusalem   | 68          | 5-12        | 13      |
| Golan       | 64          | 1-13        | 14      |
| Nahariya    | 67          | 3-9         | 11      |
| Safed       | 72          | 4-16        | 17      |
| Haifa Port  | 62          | 7-18        | 20      |
| Tiberias    | 60          | 7-14        | 15      |
| Nazareth    | 61          | 5-13        | 16      |
| Afula       | 66          | 5-14        | 16      |
| Samaria     | 64          | 5-14        | 16      |
| Tel Aviv    | 66          | 10-17       | 19      |
| B-G Airport | 64          | 8-17        | 19      |
| Jericho     | 41          | 8-21        | 23      |
| Gaza        | 71          | 10-18       | 19      |
| Beersheba   | 59          | 5-17        | 19      |
| Eilat       | 25          | 11-24       | 25      |

### Irangate data will go to U.S.

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Foreign Minister Shimon Peres says Israel will send the United States, within a few days, detailed information on its role in the Iran arms affair.

The foreign minister said the process of compiling Israel's account of events had taken so much time because Israel wanted to be sure every detail was correct.

Israel has received written requests from three official U.S. committees probing the affair for a chronology of events preceding and during the arms shipments and a detailed account of the financial transactions involved.

"We are preparing the material," Peres said in a Kol Yisrael interview on Friday morning. "Naturally Israel wants the material this time to be exact on each date and each detail because in an investigation if you aren't exact in small details you might find contradictions. We believe this will take a few more days," he said.

The chairman of the special Senate committee, Senator Daniel Inouye, raised the issue at a meeting last week with Israel's ambassador in Washington, Meir Rosenne and reportedly urged that the response be accelerated.

### Israel Bonds meet

With a record \$603 million campaign in 1986 behind them, 100 national leaders and chairmen of Israel Bonds campaigns, from 40 communities in the U.S. and Canada, will convene in Israel this week.

The 1987 Leadership Conference will be addressed by the prime minister and the ministers of foreign affairs, defence, and finance.

With last year's record achievement, the best in its 35-year history, Israel Bonds' total sales since 1951 passed the \$8 billion mark.

SUMMERTIME. - Clocks went forward one hour in most European countries and Cyprus at midnight last night.



Some 100 ultra-Orthodox Jews demonstrate yesterday afternoon near the Me & Me restaurant in Jerusalem in protest against the restaurant opening on the Sabbath. The demonstrators shouted "Nazis" and "Shabbas" at the police before they were dispersed. (G. Feinblatt/Media)

### State Department report

## S.A. arms suppliers - Israel isn't alone

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
WASHINGTON. - The U.S. will this week name Israel and several West European states, including France, Britain, West Germany, Italy and Switzerland, as main arms suppliers to South Africa, administration sources said yesterday. Taiwan will be at the top of the list, the sources say.

The long-awaited State Department report, however, will charge that while Israel's weapons transfers to South Africa are on a formal government-to-government basis, those involving Western Europe are more indirect or murky, mostly involving private arms firms and dealers.

Still, as *The Washington Post* reported yesterday, some of the deals have been acknowledged by West European governments. "More often, though, they have been conducted through a network of dummy corporations and sales to third-party agents that have allowed these governments to deny

knowledge of sales to South Africa or to contend that they were done in contravention of official efforts to enforce the 1977 UN embargo," the newspaper said.

Ten days ago the Israel government announced that it would no longer sign new arms contracts with South Africa - a step designed to limit the expected damage from the State Department report.

Most of the report will be classified. Only a brief summary will be released to the public on April 1. Still, Israeli officials and their U.S. supporters suspect that the classified document will be leaked to the news media. They expect that Israel will be deeply embarrassed by the disclosure of the specific numbers and details of its arms business with Pretoria.

Congress asked for the report last autumn, following approval of action against the Pretoria government. The law passed last year stipulated that the U.S. would cut off military aid to all countries providing arms to South Africa.

### Waldheim rejects war record check

By ILONA HENRY  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent  
VIENNA. - Austrian President Kurt Waldheim has reached a decision: he does not want a committee of international historians to check his war record.

During last year's election campaign and turbulence over his war record, Waldheim was prepared to support a committee of international historians who would investigate his war-time services and thus, according to Waldheim, refute the shameful allegations against him.

But now Waldheim has changed his mind. Referring to an open letter by the Junge Generation (the youth organization of the Socialist Party) of the Viennese district of Floridsdorf, the president's office announced that he no longer favours such a committee. It was this branch of the Socialist Party which reminded Waldheim of his election-campaign promise.

Instead, Waldheim's office announced, a "white book" will be published this summer, in which all the "lies will be uncovered."

### All in the family

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
A volunteer medic and member of the civil defence got the surprise of his life last night when he was asked to deliver a baby in an ambulance from Metulla to the nearest hospital in Safed.

Moshe Mahanunu, 24, was sitting next to the ambulance driver when the pregnant woman was collected, but did not see her until he was asked to help with the delivery.

After the baby was born he was shocked to find that the woman, 39, was his own mother. And the baby he delivered was his new brother, the ninth boy in a family of 11 children.

## Carter's confidence in peace

By YEHUDA LITANI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Jimmy Carter is supremely confident that a breakthrough in the present stalemate in the Middle East is possible. At a breakfast meeting yesterday, he based his confidence on the lengthy talks he held last week with Presidents Hafez Assad and Hosni Mubarak and King Hussein. All three, said Carter, are willing to go forward with the peace process.

The former American president was especially impressed by Hussein's firm determination to break the deadlock and try to bridge the gap between Jordan, the Palestinians and Israel.

According to Carter, eight years after the signing of the Camp David accords the Middle East does not have leaders of the calibre of Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat. His praise for the two appeared to indicate what qualities he felt were lacking in the current Israeli and Arab leaders.

From Carter's remarks, another Camp David style peace-making attempt is not impossible. But there has to be courage and decisiveness on the part of Middle East leaders and the U.S. administration.

## Aids drug coming - but not enough

By JOANNA YEHIEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a few weeks a small amount of the drug AZT (azidothymidine), which seems to offer the most promising treatment for Aids, will become available in Israel.

Then the government will be faced with the difficult question of who should get it. The Ministry of Health will have to choose between those who are seriously ill with fullscale Aids and those who have ARC (Aids Related Complex), the earlier phase of the fatal disease.

Because of the worldwide demand and the urgency of that demand from dying Aids victims, the supply from the company manufacturing it, Burroughs Wellcome, is very limited.

In conjunction with the World Health Organization, the manufacturers will supply each country according to the number of its declared Aids victims. This means that the U.S. and the majority of Western countries, which have been reporting Aids cases to the WHO when they arise, will be given large amounts of the drug.

AZT is an extract of herring sperm. It is the first drug

for Aids victims approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

The retail cost of AZT will be from \$7,000 to \$10,000 for a year's treatment for one patient, depending on the dosage required.

AZT, marketed under the name Retrovir, is not a cure for Aids, but has been shown in clinical trials to slow its progression. So far, AZT has been tested mainly in patients who have PCP pneumonia associated with Aids. It does, however, produce serious side-effects.

Another drug, Ribavirin, produced by the U.S.-based ICN Pharmaceuticals, which seems to stop the progression of another infection associated with Aids, swollen lymph nodes, will also be available in this country in limited amounts soon.

Israel has had 36 known cases of fullscale Aids, 28 of them Israelis. Fifty per cent of them have died. It also has well over 100 people (men and women) who have tested positive to the antibodies for Aids, and whose future is now uncertain.

## Vanunu denied family visit

By DAVID HOROVITZ  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. - Mordechai Vanunu has been forbidden to receive a visit from his family, according to his brother Albert.

Today's *Sunday Times* quotes Albert as saying that the authorities are barring family visits to punish Vanunu for painting shaving cream over the television camera in his cell.

The camera is one of a number of security devices that monitor Vanunu's activities day and night.

The paper also reports that Vanunu's trial may not be held until September. It quotes his father, Solomon, as defending his son for the first time.

"My son is not a traitor...but was sincere in his belief that it was his moral duty to tell these things," said Solomon Vanunu.

### Solar eclipse

A partial solar eclipse will be visible from about 3:45 p.m. today and will reach its peak at 4:36 and end at about 5:27.

Readers are warned not to look directly at the sun, even through sunglasses.

## Red faces over Mitchell mix-up

By ASHER WALLFISH  
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

Will the real John Mitchell please stand up? If he had done so last week he might have prevented an embarrassing incident that came close to starting a new round of diplomatic fisticuffs between Jerusalem and Dublin.

Mitchell, thought to be a tourist either from Ireland or Britain, was wanted for questioning in connection with unspecified offences committed in Haifa and Eilat.

On Thursday the police thought they had caught him when they stopped his namesake, an Irish trade union official, from leaving the country via the Allenby Bridge.

But what followed was an international storm in a tea cup involving the British Embassy in Tel Aviv, the Irish Embassy in Athens and the Israeli Embassy in London.

It resulted in a flurry of angry diplomatic messages between Ireland and Israel, allegations of harassment and finally apologies all round by red-faced police officers to the trade unionist and his two companions.

The three ran into problems as they approached the crossing point at the bridge after spending time here as guests of a Palestinian trade union organization.

Border officials told Mitchell he couldn't leave because he faced allegations in Haifa and Eilat, towns he had never visited.

Shocked and indignant, he headed back to his hotel in East Jerusalem with his two colleagues in tow. They had refused to cross to Jordan in order to show "solidarity."

From his hotel room Mitchell phoned Irish Radio and told them: "I believe we were harassed because we have been guests of a Palestinian organization."

With Irish-Israeli relations strained over incidents between the IDF and Irish Unifil troops, this was hot news for Dublin.

The country's embassy in Athens, which covers ties with Jerusalem, asked British diplomats here to investigate. And reports from London said our man there, who is also accredited across the water, was asked for an explanation.

A British Embassy official hit the nail on the head when he told Mitchell

he thought a mistake had been made. But the peeved Celt replied: "I don't think it was a mistake."

He was wrong. The Foreign Ministry told Irish officials Mitchell's exit visa had been withdrawn due to a computer error. And spokesman Ehud Gol said: "It was a case of mistaken identity and the police have apologized."

So John Mitchell the union official, at least according to his hotel, has set out again for the Allenby Bridge and Jordan. While the other John Mitchell is still at large - somewhere in Israel.

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### Gaza collision kills 3

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## Turkey, Greece ease dispute

LONDON. — Greece and Turkey retreated from the brink of a military clash in the Aegean yesterday over oil drilling rights on the Continental Shelf.

With naval forces squared up on both sides and with a clash appearing imminent, Turkey defused the situation by holding back its oil research vessel Sismik 1 from areas claimed by Greece.

Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu responded by calling for talks on a compromise agreement and withdrew demands for the closure of the U.S. military base of Nea Macri near Athens.

According to clause seven of the 1983 Bases Accord, Greece has the right to ask for suspension of U.S. base operations at times when its national interests are threatened. But a Greek government spokesman said that the base, which Greece had ordered closed on Friday, could continue normal operations because of "the new developments."

Nevertheless, both countries kept their forces on alert with Papandreu saying that "the evolution of events (was) important."

The two countries appeared on the verge of coming to blows on Friday but the situation had calmed slightly

yesterday after the U.S., Nato and the UN all urged the two to exercise restraint, diplomats said.

The Turkish oceanographic ship Hora, escorted by two Turkish warships, began prospecting yesterday morning in the Gulf of Saros, in Turkish territorial waters in the northern Aegean, the semi-official Turkish news agency Anatolia reported.

The report seemed to confirm Friday's statement by Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, in London, that Turkey had "no intention of exploring a disputed area" unless Greece did so.

Ozal had said in a British television interview that any Greek prospecting would violate an agreement signed in Bern by the two countries in 1976. "If the Greeks touch our ship, this will be a reason for war," Ozal warned.

Meanwhile in Athens, more than 4,000 backers of Greece's former military dictatorship marched through the streets yesterday demanding the immediate release of 17 ex-officers serving long prison terms. The march followed an hour-long memorial service for ex-general Odysseas Angelis, 75, who committed suicide by hanging himself in his jail cell last week. (Reuters, AFP, AP)

## Iranians hit Gulf tanker — 8 killed

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — An Iranian gunboat fired a missile into a small Singaporean tanker, the Sedra, in the southern gulf yesterday, killing eight of its 12-man crew, including its Indian captain.

The attack was the first since it was revealed that Iran deployed long-range Chinese-made missiles at the Strait of Hormuz, passage-way for about 20 per cent of the non-Communist world's oil.

It was also one of the deadliest in the so-called "tanker war," an offshoot of the 6½-year-old Iran-Iraq war.

Shipping sources, who spoke on condition they not be identified, said the Iranians used a speedboat to fire an Italian-made Seakiller missile at the 998-ton Sedra.

The missile blasted the chief engineer's cabin, igniting a huge fire with flames that mushroomed about 100 metres high, the sources said.

In Teheran, revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini yesterday scoffed at recent American assertions that the U.S. would act to protect shipping in the Gulf. He said the situation was no longer as it was in the past, "when everything in the Persian Gulf or elsewhere was solved through you (the U.S.) uttering a single word?"

A week ago, U.S. Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger said the U.S. was drawing up contingency plans for a possible intervention in the Gulf, citing the threat posed by the Iranian missiles to commercial shipping.

The U.S. now has 18 warships in or near the Gulf along with the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk in the Arabian Sea, just outside the strait.

British, French and Soviet vessels have also been actively patrolling the Gulf waters since the Iranians escalated their attacks on neutral shipping there in recent months.

NAKASONE. — Support for Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's cabinet plunged to 26.9 per cent this month from 34.9 per cent in December, the Kyodo news service showed yesterday following an opinion poll which covered 3,000 men and women aged 20 or above.



Miners from the Belgian province of Limburg demonstrate in the streets of Brussels against the proposed closure of several mines and changes in working conditions. (Reuters)

## Chad poised to strike at retreating Libyans

ABIDJAN (Reuters). — Spurred by a series of impressive victories, Chadian forces may try to block the retreat of a defeated Libyan army pulling back across the mountainous wastes of the northern Chadian desert, political analysts said yesterday.

Government forces scored a highly symbolic success Friday by recapturing the strategic oasis of Faya Largeau, Chad's largest northern town and the birthplace of President Hissene Habre.

An official statement read over state-run N'djamena radio said the sprawling palm grove, under Libyan and rebel occupation since August, 1983, was abandoned by its estimated 2,500-strong garrison.

The recapture of Faya Largeau was the latest and most significant

victory by government forces since they began a major drive to oust several thousand Libyan troops four months ago.

It came less than a week after the fall of Libya's largest base in Chad, Ouadi Doum, whose airfield gave Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi vital mastery of the skies for nearly four years.

Analysts in the region said retreating Libyan soldiers might now try to pull back through the rugged Tibesti range to the disputed Aouzou strip along the Libyan-Chad border.

According to analysts, Gaddafi might try to regroup his forces in the Aouzou strip, which could be fairly easily supplied from the large Libyan bases of Sebha, Ma'aten es-Sarra and Khofrah.

## FOREIGN BRIEFS

### U.S. Marines in Soviet spy scandal

WASHINGTON (AFP). — The U.S. may have suffered one of its worst security breaches in recent years as a result of spy activities by two U.S. Marine guards at its Embassy in Moscow, congressional sources said yesterday.

The incident, revealed on Friday, has prompted the State and Defence Departments to review procedures for training and deployment of the 1,500-member Marine Corps Embassy Guard.

A congressional source told the Washington Post that the actions by the two Marines were "the worst-case" scenario, similar to the defection of dismissed Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent Edward Howard, who provided the Soviet Union with information on U.S. intelligence operations in Moscow in 1985.

It was officially announced Friday that Sergeant Clayton Lonetree escorted Soviet agents through sensitive intelligence-gathering areas of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, while Corporal Arnold Bracy stood guard and turned off alarms.

Lonetree, who became romantically involved with a Soviet agent working at the Embassy, allowed several Soviets to read U.S. communications and decoding equipment and gave them access to classified documents and embassy blueprints.

### Seoul seeking closer ties with Soviets

SEOUL (AP). — South Korea is seeking to expand its contacts with the Soviet Union, an apparent response to increased North Korean-U.S. contacts, Seoul newspapers reported Friday.

The newspapers said Foreign Minister Choi Kwang Soo outlined the position in a meeting Friday with foreign affairs committee members at the national assembly.

### Thirteen die in British storms

LONDON (AFP). — Thirteen people were killed and two reported missing yesterday after storm-force winds and torrential rain swept across most of England and Wales on Friday. The storms left flooding and landslides in their wake.

Winds gusting at more than 150 kph an hour, caused havoc to power supplies, road, rail and ferry services. Some 200,000 homes were left without electricity.

A prominent London Times columnist, David Watt, was among those killed.

### Soviet Union offers India supercomputers

COMPUTER. — The Soviet Union has offered India a supercomputer with "no strings attached" after reports here that the U.S. had decided to sell Delhi an "inferior" model.

Soviet Ambassador V.N. Rykov was reported yesterday as telling a news conference in Madras, southern India, that Moscow was prepared to sell India supercomputers that could perform one million calculations a second, and that "our supercomputers are as good as the ones in the U.S."

### Man charged in UK's biggest gold robbery

LONDON (AP). — A man deported from the U.S. after a seven-month legal battle was ordered held yesterday in Britain's biggest-ever gold robbery.

John Robert Fleming, 45, was charged late Friday with receiving £1.1 million (\$1.8m.) in cash proceeds from the \$37.8m. bullion robbery in 1983, police said.

The charge against Fleming was not read in court, but Scotland Yard said he was accused of dishonestly handling cash proceeds of gold bullion stolen from a Brinks-Mat warehouse at Heathrow Airport in November, 1983.

### Ancient fossil found — a 'crawling' whale

WELLINGTON (Reuters). — A 40-million-year-old fossil of a whale that may have been able to crawl on land with little hind legs has been found in Antarctica during a geological expedition, a New Zealand geologist said here Friday.

Ewan Fordyce, a geologist at Otago University in Dunedin, said the whale fossil, weighing 1.5 tons, represents a transitional stage between land-dwelling mammals and whales as they are today. It was the largest and most complete fossil discovered on the southern continent.



British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher as she arrived in Moscow yesterday for a five-day visit during which she is expected to discuss arms control and East-West relations and raise human rights issues, marking the first official visit by a British leader to Moscow since 1975. (Reuters)

## SOVIETS

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with Begun has drawn a fierce attack on alleged British human rights abuses from the Soviet news agency Tass.

Among those on hunger strikes are Alexander Slepak, in the U.S., hoping to win release for his refugee parents; Fyodor Finkel who is in the 39th day of his hunger strike and who joined the Moscow demonstration; and 15-year-old Karmi Elbert who has joined his parents Lev and Inna who are now in the 22nd day of their hunger strike.

In a telephone conversation with The Jerusalem Post from Moscow yesterday, World Jewish Congress Director Elan Steinberg, who is taking part in talks with top Soviet leaders, said they were discussing "the Jewish question in all its aspects." WJC President Edgar Bronfman and Morris Abram, chairman of the conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations are also participating.

While declining to discuss specifics of the negotiations, Steinberg gave clear indication that the Jewish side is pleased with the tenor of the talks. He said: "I believe that the two sides are on the road to finding mutual ways of alleviating a difficult situation...Substantive items are being addressed seriously by all concerned."

RICE GRAIN. — A young Indian artist has written a 428-word letter on a grain of rice to the publisher of the Guinness Book of World Records, the Press Trust of India reported in New Delhi yesterday, adding that the massive took Gangaram Sani more than a month to complete.

MACAO. — Portuguese Prime Minister Anibal Cavaco Silva will visit China in mid-April and will sign a treaty to hand over Macao to Chinese rule in 1999 which was initiated last week, the government announced in Lisbon yesterday.

## The New Liberalism

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Moderator: Yair Rotlevy (Shinui). Discussants: Avraham Poraz (Shinui), Dr. David Zomer (Liberal Centre), Nissim Eliaf (Independent Liberals).  
12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch  
1:30-3:30 p.m. The Form of Government and the Electoral System:  
Moderator: Yosef Richter (Liberal Centre). Discussants: Dr. Yisrael Weinboim (Liberal Centre), Zvi Nir (Independent Liberals), Akiva Meir (Shinui).

The public is invited to participate in the discussions. Those interested in participating in the symposium should register at their respective party secretariats.

There will be organized transport.

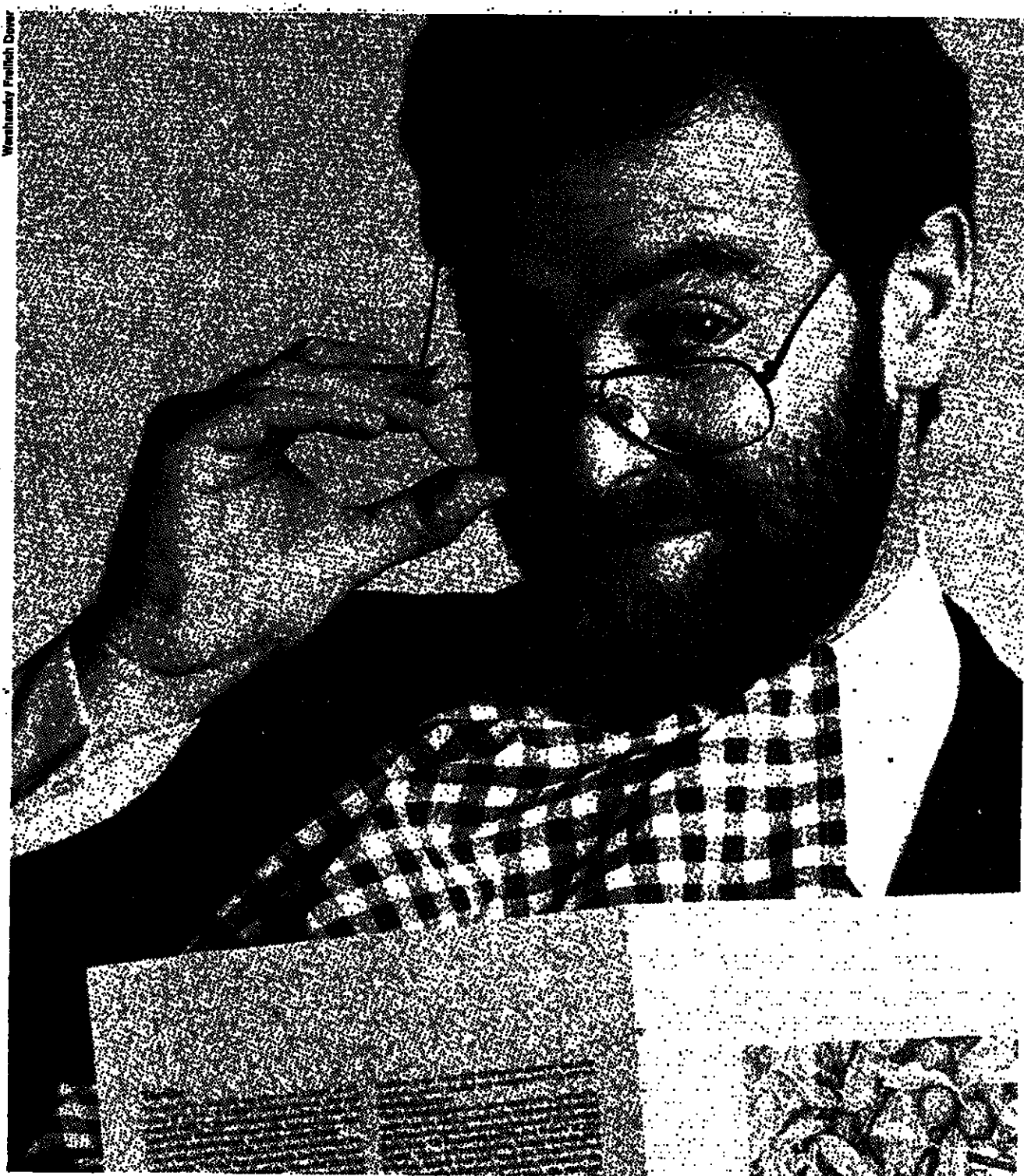
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## Little vocal opposition to presidential visit to Germany

## Silent majority seen to approve Herzog's trip

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Perhaps the most surprising thing about President Herzog's upcoming state visit to West Germany — the first by an Israeli head of state to that country — is the absence of vocal opposition by the public and the Knesset.

Beit Hanassi say that it has received more letters in recent months from Israelis who support the trip than from those who oppose it. Some writers have even suggested what sites Herzog should visit and what he should say.

Two lone protesters demonstrated outside the Demjanjuk trial at Binyanei Ha'uma last week against the presidential trip. One of them — a former chief mental health officer in the Israel Defence Forces — wore concentration camp garb.

Betar youth movement members, whose soccer heroes played against the West German national team last week, won permission from the High Court of Justice to demonstrate opposite Beit Hanassi on Monday, two days before Herzog's departure.

Morasha MK Avraham Verdiger, invited by Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel to be part of Herzog's parliamentary entourage, declined the invitation.

"I think it is a great mistake that the head of

state should go to Germany at the height of the Demjanjuk trial — or any time, for that matter," Verdiger told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"A prime minister, who is a political figure, is one thing; but the symbol of the state should not go."

Asked why he thought MK Yosef Burg, who is a native of Germany, agreed to accompany the president, Verdiger said: "Burg often goes to Germany. He's apparently not allergic to it."

But Verdiger admitted that when he tried to arouse opposition among "MKs who care," he found precious little support.

Burg told *The Post* that he had no difficulty deciding whether to make the trip, except for his having "so much work to do in Jerusalem as president of the World Mizrahi Movement and so many articles to write. But ideologically, I had no difficulty. It's a simple matter of reciprocity and courtesy. The president of Germany, Richard von Weizsäcker, made a visit to Israel."

Burg went on to quote Menachem Begin, who in 1977 said that pacts with other countries, including Germany, had to be kept. "There is no Europe without Germany today," Burg asserted. The fact that Herzog will be treated "with all due honour" by the

children and grandchildren of Germans from the Nazi era adds to the significance of the trip.

Labour MK and Holocaust survivor Shevah Weiss, who had counselled against the trip when it was announced last autumn, now takes a more benign view. "It's one thing not to announce it, and another to cancel it a few days before it's supposed to begin. That would be a slap in the face of West Germany." He added that the cabinet unanimously approved the trip months ago, including Prime Minister Shamir. "If Betar is against it, let them demonstrate against Shamir."

The trip should be short and focus on the past, as well as on the future, Weiss advised. Herzog, he added, was a former British Army officer who had taken part in the liberation of Bergen-Belsen; he personified the struggle against Nazism. The president "is sensitive to Jewish feelings and will lend the occasion its proper dimension," he said.

Labour MK Dov Ben-Meir, who is scheduled to accompany Herzog, along with Burg and Likud MK Eli Kulas, explained that if David Ben-Gurion could sign a reparations agreement with Germany just five years after the Holocaust, an Israeli president should today be allowed to make a state visit there. "Israel needs more friends," he said, adding

that the timing of the trip, during the Demjanjuk trial, was "fortunate," rather than the opposite. "It shows that we haven't forgotten the past."

Herzog, accompanied by his wife Aura, two Beit Hanassi aides and two Foreign Ministry officials, will fly first to Switzerland on Wednesday. He will visit the Basle hotel where Theodor Herzl first envisioned the Jewish yishuv, and fly on to Bern, where he will be received by the Swiss president. If there is time, Herzog, an avid sports fan, will travel to Lausanne for the European Cup basketball final between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Tracer Milano.

On April 6, he will fly to Germany and be joined by the Knesset delegation. The party's first stop will be Bergen-Belsen, where Herzog will leave a Jerusalem stone specially inscribed with a biblical verse at the Jewish memorial.

A state dinner with Chancellor Helmut Kohl in Bonn will be followed by a reception at the municipality. The president will travel to Worms, to visit the famous synagogue, and to West Berlin, for a tour of the divided city and a stop at the home of the late Axel Springer, the publisher who was an outspoken supporter of Israel. The entire German visit will last four days.

## Flight delays affected more than 1,200 passengers

## El Al pilots say their absence from work is genuine

By JONATHAN KARP  
For The Jerusalem Post

TEL AVIV. — El Al pilots insist that last Sunday's flight delays were not provoked by their ongoing labour dispute with management, but were due to a manpower shortage brought on by fatigue. The delays affected over 1,200 passengers.

"We are not pretending to be sick," says Capt. Bezalel Ofer, chairman of the El Al Pilots' Committee. "We want to fly, but we don't have enough staff."

Noting that 17 flights scheduled for April were presently lacking full crews, Ofer adds it is possible that there will be further flight disruptions.

While the airline's management is ethically bound not to question whether a pilot is actually sick, a company official disputes the claim that there is a pilot shortage. He implies that the delays were linked to labour gripes and he speculates that future disruptions will also occur on Sundays, El Al's busiest day.

Last month, El Al's ground workers signed their first wage agreement with management since the national carrier was placed in temporary receivership in December 1982. But the pilots refused to sign, primarily because of a plan to pay newly hired pilots on a lower salary scale and prolong the period before they become captains. This system also proposed that the new pilots be paid in shekels only, as opposed to the current payment in both dollars and shekels.

Offer points out that no pilots have been hired since 1979, while 13 have retired and five have been grounded

for medical reasons since the airline resumed operations in 1983. In addition, he says, three pilots have been temporarily taken off the active roster because they are in hospital. Thus, the total number of El Al pilots is less than what it was immediately after the strike.

As a result, pilots are flying tremendous amounts of over-time and occasionally spending more than 20 days a month outside Israel. "For all the money they are paying us in overtime, they could hire new pilots," Ofer says.

He singles out the lack of first officers as the central problem. Last Sunday's flight No. 315 to London was delayed when four first officers were "unavailable" to fly. Ofer says the pilot originally slated for that flight had been asked to fill in on the previous Wednesday's flight to Johannesburg, and he was not even back in Israel when the London-

bound plane was due to take off.

This situation proves, according to Ofer, that even though the work schedule is planned well in advance, the manpower shortage forces El Al to work on a day-to-day basis to fill the cockpit seats.

Speaking for the El Al management, spokesman Nahman Kleiman denies that there is a shortage. He says that despite the fact that several pilots are currently either on vacation, in training or serving in the reserves, the airline is maintaining a safe pilot-to-plane ratio in a "very flexible" work schedule.

Regarding the empty slots for flights in April, especially close to Passah, Kleiman says, "These gaps will be filled without a doubt — no problem."

As far as not hiring any pilots in recent years, Kleiman notes that under the corporate reorganization plan, no new permanent employees have been taken on since 1983. But

with an expected 5 per cent growth in tourism to Israel over the next few years, El Al will need to hire between eight and 10 pilots this year, so that they can be trained by early 1989.

For the time being, Kleiman adds, El Al has an "amicable" relationship with Arkia, whereby Arkia pilots are called upon to fly the company's planes filled with El Al passengers and cabin crew. This arrangement was used three weeks ago when El Al came up a crew short for a continuing flight from Tel Aviv to Eilat.

"El Al has benefited in the short term," Kleiman comments, "but this will not work in the long term."

Not surprisingly, Ofer and the pilots take a different view of the deal with Arkia. "It helps them [the management]; it doesn't help us," he says. "This issue will be the next crisis."

## The chance to buy a Van Gogh

Vincent van Gogh's "Sunflowers" from the collection of the late British industrialist Chester Beatty, goes on sale tomorrow night at Christie's in London. Painted in Arles in January 1889, it is expected to fetch more than the record \$11,088,000 paid for Manet's "La Rue Mosnier aux Pavures" just over a month ago. Van Gogh could not get the 500 francs he wanted for it in 1899, shortly before he committed suicide. (Cooper, Christie's)

## Health minister to demand rise in price of cigarettes

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Post Science and Health Reporter

Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino plans to demand that the government raise the price of cigarettes.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade recently announced that the price of cigarettes would be reduced because the monopolistic tobacco producer, Dabek, had hiked prices excessively.

Arbeli-Almosino, a confirmed opponent of smoking, says she will demand that the extra money Dabek makes be channelled to promoting public health. She has suggested that the Israel Cancer Society or the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking be among the recipients of these funds.

Ministry sources say Arbeli-Almosino was distressed that Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon chose to visit a Dabek cigarette factory last Tuesday — International Health Day, which was devoted to the war against smoking.

The health minister has persuaded many ministry employees to stop smoking in her presence, and even when she's not there. Her driver, Shmuel Mizrahi, has cut down from three packs to 10 cigarettes a day, and is not permitted to smoke when she is in the car.

She has also "adopted" Minister-without-Portfolio Yigael Hurvitz, who told her that he needs moral support to stop smoking. Every time he tries to put a packet of cigarettes out of his pocket at a cabinet meeting, she offers him some fruit.

Former IDF chaplain  
Avraham Rabinowitz, 56

Rabbi Avraham Zvi Halevi Rabinowitz, former chief chaplain of the Air Force, was buried on Thursday in Har Hameinuhot cemetery in Jerusalem after his death earlier in the day, at age 56.

Rabinowitz had also been dean of students at Bar Ilan University and spiritual leader of Jewish communities in London, Leeds and Johannesburg.

He was born in England to a family of famous rabbis and studied at the Gateshead yeshiva in England and at the Hebron yeshiva in Jerusalem.

## Journalist Izak, at 66

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Haim Izak, 66, a member of the *Davar* editorial staff, died on Wednesday after a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter.

Izak received a large number of prizes for his Hebrew translations of about 40 books from German and English. Among them are novels by John Updike and J.B. Priestley, which are soon to be published, as well as by Guenther Grass and Heinrich Böll.

## \$70,000 diamond theft

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Thieves stole \$70,000 worth of diamonds from a gem-polishing plant on Rehov Haim Vital, it was reported on Friday. The thieves neutralized the burglar alarm, broke in through a door and emptied the safe.

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## Health facilities draw Lebanese

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ROSH HANUKKA. — An increasing number of South Lebanese civilians — including some residents from outside the security zone — are making use of Israeli-backed health facilities in the region, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

Israeli authorities are also coming under mounting pressure from residents of the zone to provide additional aid for municipal services and development projects.

Topping the list is their call to improve the roads, which have degenerated into dirt tracks after years of neglect.

The requests are seen as an indication of growing dependence on Israel, in the absence of aid from the all-but defunct Lebanese government.

This is particularly evident in the case of medical services, which were

virtually non-existent before July 1984 when the Israeli authorities decided to improve health care on humanitarian grounds.

At that time the Marjayoun hospital was little more than an oversized clinic used by general practitioners. Patients needing treatment for serious ailments usually had to travel to Beirut, provided they could afford it.

Modern equipment was brought in and physicians received advanced training from the team of Israeli doctors and nurses who originally ran the medical centre.

Today, the majority of the 180-strong workforce, including 35 doctors, are Lebanese. The hospital director is Israeli.

The hospital has 100 beds. Lately, the staff have been performing more difficult operations, thereby reducing the number of patients transferred to hospitals in Israel.

## Maccabi offers a Diaspora 'push'

By LEA LEVAVI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In Israel mention of "Maccabi" conjures up images of basketball or football. In the Diaspora, however, Maccabi means more than sport. It also means Zionism.

"We don't believe in exerting the kind of pressure other youth movements do — that if you don't come on aliyah by age 18 you're a traitor to the movement," explained Maccabi World Union chairman Michael Kevahazi, who himself came on aliyah from England almost 20 years ago. "The pressure tactics don't work anyway."

He does not believe that Maccabi in itself is sufficient to make someone decide on aliyah, though it can provide a first and important push.

"I was at a Maccabi meeting in Washington recently where a parent got up and admitted he had had no contact with Judaism or Israel until his daughter came here to participate in the Maccabiah. Now he's

thinking of buying an apartment here...As for myself, I have four children and I wanted Jewish grandchildren. In England, I couldn't be sure of that."

Last week's interview with Kevahazi took place during a recess in the deliberations of the Maccabi World Union's board of directors at Kfar Hamaccabiah.

A day earlier, as part of the same board meeting, the movement's new community settlement, Kfar Maccabim (in Modi'in, on what used to be the border with Jordan), was formally opened. Over a hundred families, all of them connected in one way or another with Maccabi, already live there. It is hoped that the population will ultimately reach 500.

Though Maccabi members who came to Israel in the 1930s were among the founders of several kibbutzim and moshavim, there is no longer any connection between Maccabi and those settlements, so Kfar Hamaccabim is in a sense a "first."

It is also unique in another way. The focal point of the community will be an educational centre for Diaspora Maccabi members.

One of the issues the board debated was how to make the "Bar Mitzva" Maccabiah in 1989 a special Jewish experience. "Someone always comes up with the idea for all the sports organizations in Israel to get together and have one international sports festival to save money. They forget that our goal is not to bring foreign sportsmen here for the sake of sport. The Maccabiah is a Jewish experience, for Jewish participants in sport."

He gets angry when Maccabi is equated with the Liberal Party. There was once a connection between the General Zionists (forerunners of the Liberal Party) and Maccabi, but only in Israel he stressed. Though some Maccabi leaders in Israel may be Liberal Party members (he himself is not), Maccabi in the Diaspora has no such ties.

## Arab local councils demand budget increase of 25%

By DAVID RUDGE  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SHFARAM. — The 48 Israeli Arab local councils are pressing for a large increase in municipal budgets for the coming fiscal year.

The councils are demanding a 25 per cent rise, as a first step towards equalizing their budgets with those of similar-sized Jewish local authorities.

In terms of hard cash this amounts to a request for nearly NIS 50 million more than they received last year.

So far the Interior Ministry is understood to have promised to raise the 1987/88 budgets of the local councils by a total of NIS 8m.

But the Arab council leaders say this is not enough. Ahmed Abu Asba, head of the Jatt local council, said the ministry was helping to solve the serious financial problems of 10 authorities,

including the town of Umm al-Fahm which had been unable to provide municipal services or pay employees' salaries because of massive outstanding debts.

This still left more than 40 other councils which had accumulated debts totalling NIS 10m., he said.

The Arab local councils received additional funding of NIS 14m. this year (1986/87) following protracted negotiations.

Council heads warned that without the 25 per cent increase for the coming fiscal year, some authorities would once again be forced to overspend in order to maintain municipal services at existing levels.

Aziah Hecht, head of the Interior Ministry's local government department, said that NIS 3.5m. of the extra NIS 14m. had been incorporated into the regular budget for 1987/88.



The chance to buy a Van Gogh  
Vincent van Gogh's "Sunflowers" from the collection of the late British industrialist Chester Beatty, goes on sale tomorrow night at Christie's in London. Painted in Arles in January 1889, it is expected to fetch more than the record \$11,088,000 paid for Manet's "La Rue Mosnier aux Pavures" just over a month ago. Van Gogh could not get the 500 francs he wanted for it in 1899, shortly before he committed suicide. (Cooper, Christie's)

## Health minister to demand rise in price of cigarettes

By JUDY SIEGEL  
Post Science and Health Reporter

Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino plans to demand that the government raise the price of cigarettes.

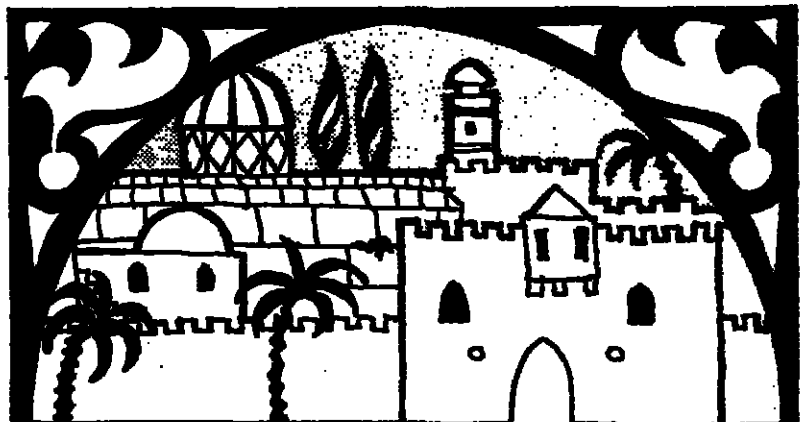
The Ministry of Industry and Trade recently announced that the price of cigarettes would be reduced because the monopolistic tobacco producer, Dabek, had hiked prices excessively.

Arbeli-Almosino, a confirmed opponent of smoking, says she will demand that the extra money Dabek makes be channelled to promoting public health. She has suggested that the Israel Cancer Society or the Israel Society for the Prevention of Smoking be among the recipients of these funds.

Ministry sources say Arbeli-Almosino was distressed that Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon chose to visit a Dabek cigarette factory last Tuesday — International Health Day, which was devoted to the war against smoking.

The health minister has persuaded many ministry employees to stop smoking in her presence, and even when she's not there. Her driver, Shmuel Mizrahi, has cut down from three packs to 10 cigarettes a day, and is not permitted to smoke when she is in the car.

She has also "adopted" Minister-without-Portfolio Yigael Hurvitz, who told her that he needs moral support to stop smoking. Every time he tries to put a packet of cigarettes out of his pocket at a cabinet meeting, she offers him some fruit.

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## Challenge to Koor monopoly

## Steel makers in war of words

By KEN SCHACHTER  
TEL AVIV. — An industrial skirmish that was labeled "steel wars" has erupted in fiery newspaper advertisements and a pitched debate at the Standards Institute.

At issue is whether steel bars produced at a new plant in Ashdod and used to reinforce walls by builders can pass muster in Israel.

Ram Metals and Building Industries Ltd., which produces the bars from recycled rail lines imported from Europe, says the bars "meet the standards of the Western world and developed industrial countries."

Ram's arch-rival, Acre-based United Steel Mills Ltd. (Steel City) says the bars are substandard. What makes the case so unusual is the volume and vehemence of the debate.

Even before Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon had officially inaugurated Ram's \$16 million plant in February, Steel City filed a complaint with the Standards Institute. Soon afterward, it began a publicity campaign aimed at discrediting their upstart competitor.

Steel City's ads, run widely in the Hebrew press, portray Ram's products as inferior. Coupled with what Ram described as "tendentious press statements," the ads spelled war. Ram soon countered with ads in

The Jerusalem Post and the Hebrew press with the bold headline, "The Monopoly Wants To Be Alone!"

That ad refers to Steel City's "dissemination of malicious rumours among the public, aimed at forcing us to capitulate."

Aside from defending their product as being of high quality, the ad chides Steel City, a Koor Industries Ltd. subsidiary, for its desire "to remain an undisputed monopoly."

Uri Baratzon, Steel City's general manager, described the newspaper ads as "ricochets of the argument" at the Standards Institute.

He acknowledged that his company, which also makes the reinforcing bars, was at a competitive disadvantage, since Ram's raw material — railroad rails — was cheaper. Nonetheless he staunchly maintained that Ram's bars should be regulated.

"This is not a safe material," he said. "It is forbidden to use in most countries or it is very restricted."

Meanwhile, Ram has maintained an official silence — aside from the ads. But sources close to Ram, who requested anonymity, were not so tactful.

"United is a monopoly, recognized by law and Ram's contention is that they are misusing these ads and the Standards Institute to get rid of a

competitor," one source said. "There are other factories all over the world producing bars from rails, including the U.S., and Ram has succeeded in exporting their bars to the U.S."

The source said that Ram had experts from the Technion conduct laboratory examinations of the product on a regular basis and these tests have found that the bars conform to U.S. army and Israeli standards.

In any case, the debate will be renewed this Tuesday at the Standards Institute for the third in a series of hearings on Ram's bars. As of now, Israel has standards for such bars, but not official standards, which means Ram's bars can be used.

The Ram plant, which has a capacity of 70,000 metric tons a year, is a 50/50 venture between Rubi Asa, owner of Shira Building, Trading and Marketing Ltd. and a group of investors based in Britain, Queensborough Rolling Mill Co. Marco Gandini, Queensborough managing director, said his company tried to weigh the risks in such a venture.

"The Israeli risk politically is not what it was 10 years ago," he said in a published interview. But it remains to be seen whether he steered himself sufficiently for the high-volume industrial showdown to come.

## Moshav debt plan important hurdle

Post Economic Reporter  
The economic cabinet approved in principle on Friday the Ravid committee's NIS 800 million debt-rescheduling scheme for the country's moshavim.

The details of the scheme will be worked out during the week, in particular the obligation of the moshavim within the framework of the arrangement.

The Treasury has so far denied that there are final recommendations regarding the moshavim debts. Ministry officials are concerned that the formula as proposed by a majority of the Ravid committee members would put too large a burden on the state budget.

According to the recommendations approved by the cabinet on Friday, the debts to the Jewish Agency settlement department and the commercial banks, totalling NIS 150m., would be written off. In addition

there would be a 15-year rescheduling of NIS 400m. in debts to the government and NIS 250m. in debts to the commercial banks.

This arrangement does not include the debts of settlements in the Golan and the Jordan Valley, which will be treated separately.

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| FRANCE          | FRANC     | 0.2657                              |
| JAPAN           | YEN       | 1.0870                              |
| HOLLAND         | FLORIN    | 0.7832                              |
| SWITZERLAND     | FRANC     | 1.6800                              |
| SWEDEN          | KRONA     | 0.2533                              |
| NORWAY          | KRONE     | 0.2347                              |
| DENMARK         | KRONE     | 0.2347                              |
| FINLAND         | MARK      | 0.3607                              |
| CANADA          | DOLLAR    | 1.2538                              |
| AUSTRALIA       | DOLLAR    | 1.1258                              |
| SOUTH AFRICA    | RAND      | 0.7886                              |
| BELGIUM         | FRANC     | 0.4270                              |
| AUSTRIA         | SCHILLING | 1.2579                              |
| ITALY           | LIRA      | 1.2403                              |
| JORDAN          | DINAR     | 4.6934                              |
| EGYPT           | POUND     | 0.8142                              |
| ECU             |           | 1.8354                              |

## EXECUTIVE CHANGES



First International's Ben Zion Reindorf.



Amcor's Shlomo Levine (Jacob Katz)

## First International promotes two to posts

First International Bank announced two promotions last week. DAVID UZIEL, 42, was named an assistant general manager and BENZION REINDORF, 43, a deputy general manager.

Uziel, married with three children, had previously served as head of the operations and information systems department and before that in various other data processing-related posts. In his new job he will be in charge of the bank's overall computer activities.

Prior to his promotion, Reindorf was manager of First International's Jerusalem and southern region branches and, earlier, an internal controller and manager of the training department.

Africa-Israel Investments Ltd., the Bank Leumi real estate unit, has appointed YEHOSHUA KISLEV, 41, deputy general manager.

Kislev, a graduate of the Technion in civil engineering and Northwestern University with a masters degree, joined the company in 1980. Until now, he was manager of the firm's services project in Lod and in charge of new project initiatives. He was also manager of Africa-Israel's subsidiary, Dania.

Among the appointments announced by Bank Leumi last week were ISRAEL HAYON as deputy head of the international division and ZEEV NAHARI as deputy head of the finance and accounting division.

Hayon, 58, was general manager of Bank Leumi, France, and has served as the head of the overseas branches department of the international division.

Nahari, 43, last year was appointed chief accountant in the finance and accounting division, where he has held various managerial positions.

Trade Association round-up: MEIR HETH, chairman of Bank Leumi, was named chairman of the Association of Bank's directorate last week. As was reported last week Bank Hapoalim Chairman EITAN BERGLASS was named president of the association, marking Hapoalim's entry into the organization for the first time.

General (ret.) SHMUEL AYAL was re-elected to a second term as head of the Israel-British Chamber of Commerce last week. He has held the position since 1980.

At the Association of Wood Product and Furniture Makers, BENNY AHARON was chosen for a second term as chairman. Named to the group's board were DUDI EISMANN, YISRAEL BERG, HAIM HERMAN, GIL WEISS, YISRAEL COHEN and AVRAHAM SCHWARTZ.

AVIGDOR KELNER, 43, has been named deputy general manager of Azorim Construction Ltd., a subsidiary of Clal Ltd., this in addition to his position as general manager of A.P. Clal Building Ltd.

He replaces AMNON EIZENBERG, who left after 15 years at the post to go into business for himself.

Kelner is a graduate of Hebrew University in economics and statistics, is a certified business manager and completed a management course at Harvard University. He has been working for the Clal group since 1974.

SHLOMO LEVIN, 45, has been appointed marketing manager of Amcor Electronics, a unit of Amcor Ltd.

Levin is a graduate of the Technion in electronics. He has worked in the U.S. as marketing manager for Koor Industries Ltd. and as project and marketing manager of a French company in Europe and South Africa.

## MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY/Stephen Jukes

## Riyal trading shifts from Gulf to Britain

Middle East currency dealers met in Abu Dhabi this weekend amid changing business patterns in which a growing volume of trade has shifted from the Arab world to London.

The 14th Congress of the Inter-Arab Cambiste Association also comes at a time when the prospect of a unified Gulf currency system is more real than at any time this decade, and when the Lebanese pound — once the most stable currency in the region — slides relentlessly in the face of Lebanon's protracted civil war.

Bankers say it is difficult to avoid the impression that a growing proportion of transactions in the Saudi riyal market, by far the largest in the region, is being carried out in London.

Trading had been dominated by Saudi Arabia's 11 banks, money changers in the kingdom and offshore banks in Bahrain. But bankers say that more and more Saudi and Bahrain-based banks are boosting their treasury operations in London.

As recession hit the Middle East and the need for trade finance in the region declined, many offshore banks in Bahrain ran down their currency operations. Not one of the four major British clearing banks now has a dealing room on the island.

The two major Bahrain-based banks, Arab Banking Corp and Gulf International Bank, have increased their presence in London, and Saudi banks are busy upgrading representative offices to branch status to allow dealing.

Says one economist: "It is cheaper to run a riyal book in London than staff an expensive offshore operation in Bahrain... There is now the nucleus of a two-way market in London."

Jeddah-based Riyadh Bank set up as a licensed deposit-taker — enabling dealing — in London in 1984, and its main rival, National Commercial Bank (NCB), won a licence in November 1986.

The major market force has traditionally been a London-based consortium operation, Saudi International Bank, but the kingdom joint-venture Saudi American Bank (Samba) also upgraded its London operation to take deposits in mid-February.

"Inevitably the volume of business in London has gained pace with the two new licences for NCB and Samba," says one Riyadh-based currency trader. "But there is no question that most of the liquidity still rests in Saudi Arabia."

Currency traders said the shift to London in the Saudi riyal market is difficult to quantify.

But Bahrain Monetary Agency figures show regional currency deposits held by offshore banks, most in Saudi riyals, dropped to the equivalent of \$12.2 billion at end-September 1986 from \$13.4b. at end-1985 and a 1985 peak of \$15b.

The shift has changed dealing habits.

Riyal trading in the Gulf on Saturdays and Sundays has become very quiet in the absence of London, while some Saudi and Bahrain banks now staff offices on Friday, the Gulf weekend.

Traders say it is difficult to foresee the riyal market moving completely out of the region, and there are few signs of the Kuwaiti dinar market shifting from its natural base Kuwait.

But for the first time since the formation of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) in 1981 there are signs that a much mooted currency union could come into force soon.

Currency traders say it remains unclear what form a final currency system would take for the six states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates.

But plans to link the six currencies in a European Monetary System style with a common peg have been discussed at high level and could be a topic on the GCC's annual summit expected to be held in Saudi Arabia late in the year.

Says one dealer: "A lot of exposure is being given to discussions and plans appear to be quite advanced. But in the end a political decision has to be taken to give the go-ahead."

One open question is that of a common peg for currencies. The Kuwaiti dinar is currently linked to a basket of currencies while the other five currencies are either officially or in practice linked to the U.S. dollar.

One further topic for debate is the continued slide of the Lebanese pound against the dollar and the undermining of the effective capital base of Lebanese banks.

Lebanese authorities have introduced a package of measures to shore up the ailing pound, but bankers say in the final analysis only a political solution to the country's civil war will halt the slide. (Reuters)



## CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

- 1 Going on a recreational course? (7,4)
- 9 & 10 Returns from committing a crime? (3-6,5)
- 11 Jumbo-size Indian pen (6)
- 12 A flag of the regulation size (8)
- 13 A symbol among the men who assemble motor-cars (6)
- 15 The beggar who exerted a baleful influence on things? (8)
- 18 Is he among the players sent off for misconduct? (8)
- 19 Norway's naval arms (6)
- 21 Irish city boy with unusual milk round (8)

## DOWN

- 2 Sadie's misguided confidential remarks (6)
- 3 Correct conclusion about Middle East (5)
- 7 What the rail-user must pay for dining-car food? (5,4)
- 8 The Asian ounce (4-7)
- 1 A point it would be foolish to grasp (7)
- 2 Delia turned up, but wasn't at all well (5)
- 3 Badly tailored southern image-worshippers (8)
- 4 The spectators' entrance? (4)
- 5 Gold neatly wrought in rococo style (8)
- 6 Villainous young band leader who finished up on the gallows (5)

## Friday's Solutions

- 7 One who has been privately told he won't be found out! (7)
- 8 Is engaged in various trades whose outcome is calamitous (8)
- 14 Coldly deprived of all feeling (8)
- 16 Slogans I'd adapted for a rapid succession of suits (9)
- 17 Friend of Romeo who was fatally wounded sorting crime out (8)
- 18 Firewood for the soldiers' quarters? (7)
- 20 Stop working for a time, maybe (7)
- 22 Is taken aback in a lurid escapade (5)
- 24 Medical man with a higher arts degree for stage work (5)
- 25 The trawlermen's net takings? (4)

## TAKEN BY SURPRISE

ACROSS: 1. Pavement artists; 8. Curates; 10. Cluster; 11. Fasteners; 12. Talon; 15. Casting; 15. Dislike; 17. Bridges; 18. Proceed; 21. Noses; 25. Overnight; 25. Flaikid; 26. Terrain; 27. The Golden Fleece.

## QUICK SOLUTION

- Across: 1. Pavement artists; 8. Curates; 10. Cluster; 11. Fasteners; 12. Talon; 15. Casting; 15. Dislike; 17. Bridges; 18. Proceed; 21. Noses; 25. Overnight; 25. Flaikid; 26. Terrain; 27. The Golden Fleece.
- Down: 1. Pacific; 2. Verbs; 3. Muttering; 4. Nest-egg; 5. Accused; 6. Trust; 7. Satellite; 8. Strange; 14. Shipshape; 16. Scoundrel; 17. Benefit; 18. Scolded; 19. Preston; 20. Detaple; 22. Salvo; 24. Grave.

## QUICK CROSSWORD

## ACROSS

- 1 Voting procedure
- 7 Approaches
- 8 High-explosive
- 9 Anger
- 10 Talk wildly
- 11 Tugged
- 13 Haphazard
- 14 Charge
- 17 Seat for rider
- 18 Edible shellfish
- 20 Male child
- 22 Skilled mechanic
- 23 Fetter
- 24 Act of treachery

## DOWN

- 1 Keen
- 2 Invigorate
- 3 Roman garment
- 4 Hatful
- 5 Speedy
- 6 Concentrated extract
- 7 Disregard
- 12 Forester
- 13 Plunder
- 15 Hapless
- 16 Cheerful
- 17 Tell-tale
- 19 Wall decoration
- 21 At a distance

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## Bnei Yehuda close the gap on Betar

## Hatikva hopes rise

By YORAM KESSEL

Spring is supposed to be the time of plenty, but National League strikers are still suffering from mid-winter blues.

A woeful drought of goals marked the weekend's 22nd round of games, with a bare 11 goals scored in the eight matches — and nearly half of those came in the lopsided fixture involving wooden-spoonists Betar Netanya, who provided Shimshon Tel Aviv with the weekly free gift.

But Bnei Yehuda Tel Aviv — who yesterday equalled the national record established almost three decades ago in the 1957-58 season by Maccabi Tel Aviv with 22 successive games without defeat — care not a whit for the paltry goal pickings. Their well-deserved single-goal victory over sinking Hapoel Beersheba, coupled with the continued lead of the league leaders from the capital who could manage no more than a goalless draw with doughty Hapoel Lod, reduces the gap at the top to just five points. What's more, the failure of erstwhile challengers Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Kfar Sava to make an impression means that the league is now more emphatically than ever a two team race.

In truth, this was not Bnei Yehuda's most impressive performance of the season. Still, they looked better than the visitors from the Negev, and five-wide David Gordon is proving more and more to be an asset to Israeli football with a splendid future in store.

Gordana came close with several headers in the first half, but it was not until Moshe Elensberg, another young talent, came alive in the second half that the Hatikva players were rewarded. Elensberg flexed his way down the

wing, blighted a perfect cross and Gordana's powerful header left Mario Zacharowitsch no chance whatever.

Gordana might well have added a second only a few minutes later when he eluded a Davidi tackle but Zacharowitsch cut out his well-arched shot with elegance. Again Gordana nearly added to this own tally in the closing minutes when he spotted the Beersheba keeper off his line and tried to float a 35m. shot over his head. He was wayward on that occasion, but in the end it did not matter.

For at Bloomfield, the biggest crowd of the day, 4,000, saw Betar Jerusalem struggle to find their shooting boots.

While Betar had much the better of the game, the determined Lod defence, which has conceded just 13 goals in the league, kept them comfortably at bay.

The news from up the road in the "Schmaha" seemed to lift Betar's spirits, and they managed to produce another floodlit escape of the type for which they have become famous or notorious (depending on the outlook) during the past few weeks when they have been mid-firing as a combination.

Gary Vandermolen came on late in the game for Ya'acov Schwartz and Eli Ohana rocketed the bar a Betar's urgency increased. But Lod kept pace and Ya'acov Elid might indeed have scratched a sensational victory when he rounded Betar's best player on the day, Avi Cohen, and levelled a fine shot; Yossi Mizrahi, however, saved Betar's blushes.

Bloomfield was no exception. Even the radio commentators around the country were rather like Pirandello's characters in search of an author, as their indefatigable anchor-man Gideon Hod searched desperately for a goal in the six games being relayed during yesterday afternoon's action.

In fact, the first goal of the six games took 57 minutes in coming, when Gordana scored for Bnei Yehuda.

Next in line was Uri Peled, who put Yavne ahead in their critical

relegation clash against Betar Tel Aviv. The joy of the 400-strong Yavne faithful was short-lived, however, for Asher Solomon was intent on dousing their delight. He misused a clearance past his own goalkeeper Freddie Lessner 12 minutes before the end and Yavne had to be satisfied with a share of the spoils.

The pattern for the dismal day had been set on Friday afternoon when the expected attractive fireworks pitting Maccabi Petah Tikva against Hapoel Kfar Sava fizzled out quietly. The first time that the visitors' keeper Adir Shamir handled the ball was in the 24th minute and the game was aptly described as a nightmare, which reminded one of the remark of an American football coach, who, when asked how he kept his nerves intact before important games replied: "I don't have nightmares about my team. You gotta sleep before you have nightmares."

There was, however, one brief respite in the bad dream — the discovery of a budding new talent, 18-year-old Alon Yervan. Brought on in the second half, Yervan's skill inspired Petah Tikva and it was no accident that he created the winning Tel Aviv goal. The node at the end, occasioned because Kfar Sava believed they had denied a legitimate goal — ruled offside by Yehuda Ben Yehuda — reflected the sorry state of affairs throughout the 90 minutes.

Thank goodness for Betar Netanya. Their spirited display against the leaders last week has proved a once-in-a-lifetime fluke, as they were again taken apart, this time by Shimshon, who really might have notched up double when they scored in the early game. Hapoel Beersheba celebrated their selection this week for their first national team cap by turning in yet another good running game from his defensive position. He also notched two of the goals.

## SOCCER ROUND UP

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

|                   |       |                    |       |
|-------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Maccabi Yavne     | (01)  | Betar Tel Aviv     | (01)  |
| Peled, 67         |       | Solomon, 78 (o.g.) |       |
| Shimshon          | (315) | Bet. Netanya       | (010) |
| Mizrahi, 18 (pen) |       |                    |       |
| Ovadia, 39, 64    |       |                    |       |
| Hilal, 48         |       |                    |       |
| Bet. Jerusalem    | (0)   | Hapoel Lod         | (0)   |
| Macc. Haifa       | (0)   | Macc. Jaffa        | (0)   |
| Bnei Yehuda       | (01)  | Hapoel Beersheba   | (010) |
| Gordana, 57       |       |                    |       |
| Macc. Petah Tikva | (01)  | Hapoel Kfar Sava   | (0)   |
| Tal Benay, 64     |       |                    |       |
| Hapoel Tel Aviv   | (01)  | Macc. Tel Aviv     | (01)  |
| Macc. Netanya     | (01)  | Macc. Tel Aviv     | (01)  |
| Manshah, 76 (pen) |       | Micky Cohen, 82    |       |

## STANDINGS

| Team                 | W  | D  | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. Bnei Yehuda       | 13 | 8  | 1  | 44 | 22 | 47  |
| 2. Macc. Tel Aviv    | 10 | 12 | 2  | 30 | 16 | 42  |
| 3. Macc. Haifa       | 9  | 8  | 5  | 33 | 17 | 38  |
| 4. Shimshon          | 7  | 13 | 2  | 28 | 12 | 34  |
| 5. Kfar Sava         | 9  | 7  | 6  | 28 | 23 | 34  |
| 6. Macc. Netanya     | 9  | 7  | 6  | 34 | 23 | 34  |
| 7. Hapoel Lod        | 8  | 6  | 6  | 13 | 13 | 32  |
| 8. Macc. Jaffa       | 8  | 8  | 6  | 21 | 15 | 32  |
| 9. Macc. Haifa       | 7  | 6  | 6  | 24 | 18 | 30  |
| 10. Hapoel Beersheba | 7  | 6  | 7  | 14 | 19 | 29  |
| 11. Hapoel Tel Aviv  | 5  | 12 | 5  | 17 | 16 | 27  |
| 12. Beersheba        | 4  | 11 | 7  | 10 | 14 | 23  |
| 13. Bet. Jerusalem   | 4  | 6  | 11 | 11 | 30 | 21  |
| 14. Yavne            | 3  | 9  | 10 | 15 | 27 | 18  |
| 15. Jaffa            | 2  | 8  | 12 | 13 | 27 | 14  |
| 16. Bet. Netanya     | 2  | 1  | 17 | 11 | 52 | 7   |

## SECOND DIVISION

|                    |   |                 |   |
|--------------------|---|-----------------|---|
| Bet. Nahariya      | 1 | Hapoel Hadera   | 3 |
| Hapoel Ramat Gan   | 2 | Hapoel Holon    | 0 |
| Hapoel Be'er Sheva | 1 | Macc. Sha'araim | 0 |
| Hapoel Tel Aviv    | 0 | Hapoel Tiberias | 0 |
| Hapoel Dimona      | 0 | Hapoel Hadera   | 0 |
| Hapoel Ramat Gan   | 0 | Hapoel Hadera   | 0 |
| Hapoel Be'er Sheva | 0 | Hapoel Hadera   | 0 |
| Hapoel Tel Aviv    | 0 | Hapoel Hadera   | 0 |
| Hapoel Dimona      | 0 | Hapoel Hadera   | 0 |
| Hapoel Be'er Sheva | 0 | Hapoel Hadera   | 0 |

## After 22 rounds

| Team             | W  | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|------------------|----|---|---|----|----|-----|
| 1. Hapoel Hadera | 11 | 7 | 4 | 29 | 14 | 40  |
| 2. Macc. Haifa   | 10 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 38  |
| 3. Hadera        | 10 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 38  |
| 4. Hadera        | 10 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 38  |
| 5. Hadera        | 10 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 38  |
| 6. Hadera        | 10 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 38  |
| 7. Hadera        | 10 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 38  |
| 8. Hadera        | 10 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 38  |
| 9. Hadera        | 10 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 38  |
| 10. Hadera       | 10 | 7 | 5 | 32 | 20 | 38  |

## LAWN BOWLS

By DAVID HOROVITZ

Jerusalem Post Correspondent LONDON. — Israel's Cecil Bransky and Jeff Rabkin crashed out of the World International Pairs bowls championships on Thursday night, beaten in straight sets by Ireland's Rod McCutcheon and Jim Baker.

The Israelis were never in the match, as McCutcheon repeatedly put his lead woods within inches of the jack, while Rabkin was often over a metre off line and length.

An early 3-2 led in the first set for the Israelis was swiftly turned into a 6-3 advantage for the Irishmen at one disastrous end, and they clinched the set 7-5.

There was no change of fortunes in the second set either, with Rabkin still unable to get his lead bowl near the jack, leaving Bransky with far too much to do with his final two woods.

McCutcheon and Baker led 2-0, then 4-0, then 6-0, and finally took the set 10-1, leaving Israel two down with three sets to play.

A rare glimpse of vintage Bransky, putting a final bowl through the straw of a gap 10 inches wide, gave Israel a 2-1 lead in the third set, but there was to be no comeback. Two wide and short lead bowls from Rabkin let Ireland in for three shots at the sixth end, and they took the set 6-4.

In the semi-finals, McCutcheon and Baker play holders Tony Alcock and David Bryant, the most impressive pair in the tournament so far.

## SOFTBALL

## Sultans swat CR

Crazy Richard, runners-up in the Israel Softball League last season, were upended by Sultans of Spring in a surprise upset at Tel Aviv's Sportek yesterday.

The big blow, a game-winning home run by leftfielder Ari Dorenbau, led a 7-4 win for Sultans and handed Crazy Richard their first loss in three games this year. Second baseman Jerry Glantz's fine play in the field saved the game for Sultans.

In the second game of the Sportek twin-bill, Sultans pounded VIP Tours 14-3. Dorenbau slugged a grand slam in the nightcap, giving him nine runs batted in on the day.

In other "A" Division action, VIP Tours lost 18-2 to the Sultans, while Maccabi Tel Aviv and ASA Jerusalem Post were rained out in the capital.

In "B" Division action yesterday, the Arava and Enak Hayward swept doubleheaders from the American International School and Kibbutz Galim, while Kibbutz Yitz'el and Adami-Shtetman split two games. Scores: Arava 13-23, AIS 3-10; Enak Hayward 7-6, Galim 5-1; Yitz'el 8-3, Adami-Shtetman 4-4.

SPANISH LEAGUE SOCCER. — Real Madrid assumed the air of champions with a resounding 4-1 home win over city rivals Atletico, restoring their two-point lead over Barcelona at the top of the Spanish First Division.

Real went ahead in the sixth minute when



HEAVE HO. — Oxford pull into the lead while Cambridge struggle amid strong winds and rain on the Thames yesterday. Oxford went on to win by four lengths in a time of 19 minutes 7 seconds. (Reuters telephoto)

## ROWING Dark blues show their true colours

LONDON (AFP). — Oxford, who had to repel a tsunami by four American oarsmen in February, scored a surprise win over Cambridge in the 135th University boat race on the River Thames here on Saturday afternoon.

The Dark Blues led from start to finish against the Cambridge crew,

who started odds-on favourites, and won by about four lengths in a time of 19 minutes and 59 seconds.

Cambridge finished 12 seconds behind and Oxford's winning time was the slowest since 1979, although it was hardly surprising in the choppy conditions.

The race broke records in other respects,

however, this year's crews had the heaviest, tallest, oldest and youngest competitors on board.

Oxford stretched their lead to two lengths by the halfway mark, and the Cambridge crew was left to fend for themselves.

It was a sweet revenge for last year's defeat by Cambridge when the Light Blues ended a decade of Oxford triumphs. It was Oxford's 63rd victory, Cambridge have won 69 and one race finished in a dead heat.

## CAESAREA GOLF

CAESAREA. — Rachamin Assayag and Yaish Amar, both of Or Akiva, with gross scores of 73 and 74, respectively, and Joseph Klein of Savyon, with a net score of 71, were the three winners in the second and final round of the South African Airways Golf tournament, a best gross and net scores in either of two rounds format. The winners will receive free flights to South Africa, courtesy of the airline.

## NHL

## Top hat trick

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP). — Kirk Muller scored two goals, including one in a second period in which the New Jersey Devils scored on three consecutive shots, as the Devils beat the slumping Minnesota North Stars 5-2 on Friday night.

Elsewhere, it was the New York Rangers 6, St. Louis 4; Washington 2, New York Islanders 2 (OT).

Thursday night results: Boston 4, Edmonton 1; Los Angeles 5, Buffalo 3; Philadelphia 3, Quebec 2 (OT); Vancouver 5, New York Islanders 2; Calgary 3, Winnipeg 1.

## Connors takes

## pity on Mac

DUESSELDORF (Reuters). — Former World No. 1 John McEnroe has been named as third man for the U.S. in the \$750,000 world team cup — thanks to arch rival Jimmy Connors.

McEnroe, who has slipped down the computer rankings after a seven-month break from tennis last year, did not qualify for the tournament as one of the two top-ranked players from his country.

But Connors, whose relationship with McEnroe is usually characterized as somewhere between tense and hostile, said he would take part only if his former Davis Cup partner played too.

As top ranked player for his team, Connors has the option of choosing a third and fourth squad member for the tournament which runs from May 18 to 24.

McEnroe was anxious to play in the lucrative event which provides valuable clay court practice in the week before the French Open, a tournament he has said he is keen to win for the first time.

## SCOREBOARD

BOARDWALKING. — Yesterday's racing in the Wild Surfing World Cup series at Omaniaki, Japan, was cancelled because there was not enough wind.

ARCHERY. — Soviet champion Vladimir Litvinov, dominant throughout the 34th World Archery Championships, took the men's title by three points at Victoria Park in Adelaide, Australia.

China placed two in the top three of the women's competition with Ma Xuejun taking the championship by two points.

SWIMMING. — Nineteen-year-old Tamas Darnyi of Hungary broke an American short course record when he won the 400-yard individual medley on the third day of the U.S. Swimming Short Course National Championships.

Darnyi's time of three minutes 43.84 seconds shattered Ricardo Prado's U.S. Open record of 3:46.30 set in 1984.

Joseph Szebo of Hungary was second in 3:49.78 and American Ron Karnaugh finished third in 3:50.72.

## AIR RALLY. — The Italian Cessna aircraft Italia Wings was declared the winner of the Paris-Berlin air rally yesterday after the Italian aircraft covered the return leg in 54 hours, 19 minutes.

## TENNIS



COMMENDABLE PERFORMANCE. — Gilad Bloom put up a good fight against Mats Wilander.

(Guthmann)

## Near miss for Bloom

Post Sports Staff Gilad Bloom has proved that Israel now have another player to be feared on the professional tennis circuit.

Bloom, a qualifier in the Brussels Grand Prix tennis tournament, was knocked out of the field in the quarter-finals, but only after throwing a scare into the world's six-ranked player, Mats Wilander of Sweden, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

This was only the second time Bloom has reached the last eight of a Grand Prix event, but he went out in style after upsetting eighth-seeded Amos Mansdorf in the previous round.

After a shaky start, Bloom found himself trailing 5-2, he fought back however, and wrapped up the opening set 7-5 after Wilander had squandered a set point at 5-4.

Wilander, who has been ranked amongst the top five for almost four years and has won the French Open twice and the Australian Open once, staged a comeback and lost just five games in sweeping through the next two sets.

"It was terrible, this was one of the worst matches I have ever played and won," Wilander said afterwards. "I think I had a complete off-day, I had no feeling whatsoever."

## LATE NEWS

Wilander late last night defeated his countryman Jonas Svensson 6-3, 6-2 for a match-up in the final against McEnroe.

Bloom can count himself in good company, as another loser in the quarter-finals was Wimbledon champion Boris Becker. Becker went out to another Swede, Anders Jarryd.

Yesterday, however, Jarryd lost to American John McEnroe, who became the first to nail a spot in the finals.

McEnroe played tentatively for most of the contest because of a sore hip, but he was never pressed by the Swedish Swede, who had apparently lost his touch after beating top seed Becker.

At the \$150,000 Washington Women's Tennis Tournament, top seeded Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) beat Patricia Hy (Hong Kong) 6-1, 7-5 third-seeded Helena Solova (Czechoslovakia) beat Catherine Tanvier (France) 7-6, 6-4; fourth-seeded Zina Garrison (U.S.) beat Carling Bassett (Canada) 6-3, 6-1; fifth-seeded Kathy Rinaldi (U.S.) beat Elina Reinach (South Africa) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

## Surprise winners on satellite circuit

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. — Qualifier Delaney Howell and Holland's unseeded Hester Witvoet were the surprise winners of their respective singles events yesterday on the third and final legs of the men's and women's satellite circuits, held in Haifa.

For both players, their surprise victories marked their first singles titles in the professional game.

The two events end this week with the Masters tournaments. The 24-man ATP Frankfurt satellite starts at 10 a.m. today at the Israel Tennis Centre in Kiryat Shmona, while the 16-draw WTA Vanessa Phillips meet begins tomorrow at Arad's TTC courts.

Howell, 26, edged Sweden's No. 2 seed County Falk 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, thrilling spectators at the TTC in Haifa by hanging down a consecutive ace in an enthralling final. Howell lives in West Hollywood and works as a movie actor when he is not playing tennis.

Witvoet, 19, cruised past 21-year-old Israeli Ilana Berger — seeded third — 6-3, 6-0 in the women's final.

## RUGBY

## Ra'anana, champs.

Post Sports Staff Ra'anana completed a near perfect season yesterday by soundly beating ASA Jerusalem 26-6 and clinching the league championship.

Ra'anana, which finished with a 9-1 record, were helped in their quest for the league title when Kibbutz Yitz'el, who also had only one loss going into yesterday's match, fell 17-3 to a greatly improved Gail Elyon team.

Jerusalem held the potent Ra'anana attack to just one try in the first half, but as has happened a few times this season, their defense broke down after the break. Ra'anana then took advantage of holes in Jerusalem's back line and racked up 20 second-half points. Centre Jonathan Sacks and veteran scrum-half Paul Hammer scored two tries apiece.

In the second game at Tel Aviv's Sportek, ASA Tel Aviv fended off a speedy and persistent Technion-Kiryat Bialik XV to record their second win in a row, 13-8.

## BASKETBALL

## Five days to make or break Maccabi

By DON GOULD

Maccabi Tel Aviv are not yet out of the woods, but they certainly seem to have found the right path.

After Maccabi's lopsided victory on Thursday over Hapoel Tel Aviv, they take the floor at Yad Eliyahu tonight with all intentions of burying their pesky rivals.

Kevin Magee, nursing a sore heel, is back strong. He scored 30 points on Thursday, while Lee Johnson's defensive work on Hapoel's high-flying Don Robinson at the other end sealed Hapoel's fate. Johnson also pumped in 20 points.

The anticipated confrontation between captain Mickey Berkowitz and coach Zvi Sherf, fortunately for Maccabi, never took place. Berkowitz did not start the game, but played well, netting 10 points. Sherf opened the second half with Doron Jamchee and Berkowitz on court and together and all went smoothly as Maccabi had already taken a large lead and never really had to look back.

Hapoel Tel Aviv may yet rue the day they decided to play Thursday's second game — their

home match — at Yad Eliyahu, home of Maccabi Tel Aviv. While it meant much more money in their pockets in the short term, the long term financial benefits of winning a championship could have been far greater. They had Maccabi with their backs to the wall after their opening game upset and could have forced the second game to be played in the more friendly confines of Ussishkin Stadium. For Hapoel Tel Aviv to upset Maccabi, they need to cover all the angles. Management's preference for short-term over long-term profits took away an edge that might have proven crucial.

Hapoel Tel Aviv have one more chance tonight to upset the champions, but it's not likely, particularly after Thursday's blow out.

For Maccabi, this is their biggest week of the season. Tonight they have a chance to wrap up the Israeli championship. Thursday it will be Tracer Milano in Lusanne, Switzerland for the European Cup championship.

In the playoff battle for fifth and sixth place, where the victor gets the final spot in next year's Korac Cup competition, Maccabi Haifa evened their best-of-three series with a 105-102 home court win over Hapoel Holon on Thursday. The third and deciding game will be played tomorrow night in Holon.

And ever-improving Hapoel Haifa took two straight from Elitzur Netanya to nail down third place. Both teams were already guaranteed places in the Korac Cup next year.



ALL IN. — Lee Johnson (r) and Lavon Mercer in earnest confrontation on Thursday night at Yad Eliyahu are bound to have another fierce tussle in tonight's deciding match for the national league championship. (Guthmann)

## BRITISH SOCCER

## Wimbledon stun leaders

LONDON (AP). — Wimbledon created what is arguably the biggest league upset of the English soccer season yesterday beating Liverpool 2-1 at Anfield thus throwing the title race wide open.

With Everton posting an important 1-0 victory over third-placed Arsenal, the champion's lead over their Merseyside rivals was cut to only three points. Everton also have two games in hand.

Substitute Alan Cork scored the late winner for Wimbledon after earlier in the game, Liverpool's player-manager Kenny Dalglish had cancelled out a goal by Wimbledon's Nigel Winterburn.

Wayne Clarke's first goal for Everton since his transfer from Birmingham City secured the points at Arsenal.

After last night's results, Liverpool have 67 points from 35 games

and Everton have 64 from 33 games. Luton Town moved into third place, after a 3-1 victory over Tottenham Hotspur. Tottenham, who have played only 31 games, hoped to make up ground on the leaders, but remained in fifth place a point behind Arsenal on 54 points.

Nottingham Forest remained in sixth place despite losing 2-0 at Manchester United. McGrath and England captain Bryan Robson scored the goals before half time and Forest had defender Chris Fairclough sent off for kicking Norman Whiteside while the United players were on the ground.

## SCOTTISH PREMIER

| SCOTTISH PREMIER |   |            |   |
|------------------|---|------------|---|
| Aberdeen         | 0 | St. Mirren | 1 |
| Clydebank        | 1 | Hearts     | 1 |
| Dundee U         | 1 | Dundee     | 1 |
| Hamilton         | 2 | Celtic     | 3 |
| Hibernian        | 2 | Falkirk    | 0 |
| Rangers          | 1 | Motherwell | 0 |



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## Misunderstood gesture

LEADERS of Israel's nationalist camp lost little time over the weekend to demand full pardon for the three Jewish underground terrorists whose life sentences were commuted on Friday by President Herzog to maximum prison terms of 24 years each.

The three were convicted of murder and attempted murder at the Islamic college in Hebron and were sentenced nearly three years ago. Setting maximum prison terms for them makes them eligible for customary leave from prison and for a reduction of one third of their 24-year-prison term on grounds of good behaviour.

In explaining his decision, the president stressed that setting maximum prison terms for lifers was customary. He confirmed at the same time that he had postponed this move for over six months while supporters of the convicted Jewish underground members kept an around-the-clock protest vigil outside the residences of the prime minister and of the vice premier and foreign minister. He would not act under any form of public pressure, the president reiterated.

The president's announcement on Friday was obviously timed to allow the three convicted Jewish terrorists to spend the Pesach holiday with their families. But his decision to act so soon after the protest vigils were withdrawn raises the obvious question of whether there was no tacit understanding between mediators, who acted on behalf of the Gush Emunim protesters, and the president, assuring them that calling off their public protest would result in setting maximum prison terms for the lifers without much delay.

The president's earlier decision to pardon a number of other convicted Jewish terrorists, reducing their sentences by some three months or so, as well as Friday's announcement, are probably motivated by his intention to forestall a threat of Knesset legislation to that effect. But in actual fact, each move by the president, easing the prison terms of the Jewish terrorists, only causes stronger demands for full pardons.

Moreover, most of the released Jewish terrorists do not show any signs of real remorse.

Thus, Likud-Herut MK Haim Kaufman yesterday appealed to the president to grant all convicted Jewish terrorists full pardon before Independence Day at the beginning of May. His party colleague Dov Shilansky, who is chairman of the Knesset Interior Committee, even outdid him. He threatened yesterday that he would initiate unprecedented Knesset legislation, granting full pardon to all imprisoned Jewish terrorists, unless the president would do so himself.

In view of such reactions by leading right-wing coalition party members, the president's benevolent gesture appears to be totally misunderstood, if not misplaced.

## Benighted bureaucracy

BITTER CRITICISM of Israel's "aliya absorption" bureaucracy is fairly commonplace among immigrants from the Soviet Union, as well as other countries. But nothing as scathing as the comments offered by former Prisoner of Zion Zachar Zunshine on the "welcome" extended to him at Ben-Gurion Airport last week can have been recorded often before.

Oh, the bureaucracy, Mr. Zunshine is reported to have cried out the morning after his arrival. It is worse, he said, than in Soviet Russia.

"Over there, there is at least one party. Over here, you have got to tangle with an official from the Jewish Agency, with an official from the Ministry of Absorption, with an official from the Interior Ministry, and with goodness knows who else. We were kept waiting five hours at the airport to learn where we were heading. Here, every official is a general," Mr. Zunshine summed it all up.

Mr. Zunshine, it turns out, was a Prisoner of Zion who originally saw America as his Zion. But some time ago already - not, as had been reported, at the last moment, following a call to Vienna by Minister-without-Portfolio Moshe Arens - he decided to come to Israel, after all.

Now our benighted bureaucracy seems determined to prove to Mr. Zunshine, his wife and the 23 former refuseniks and Prisoners of Zion who flew in with him that they had taken the wrong turn. And that the red-tape reception accorded to them at Ben-Gurion was merely a foretaste of an even more dolorous experience of actual absorption as time goes on.

Certainly, Mr. Zunshine and his friends have reason to fear that the madcap State and Agency apparatus is now readying to hit them with the full force of the accumulated wisdom of nearly 40 years of aliya absorption in the State of Israel.

Hopefully, he and they will survive the unexpected shock of the rendezvous with their free and democratic homeland, and emerge if not wholly unscathed then with no unhealable wounds.

But at a time when the signs, and the figures, point to an upsurge in Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, after a long period of near-total closure of the gates, it is nothing short of criminal to be flashing signals to the Jews still there that Israel is not, at best, ready for them.

It takes rather more than doing away with the "political refugee" status they are now being routinely awarded by the U.S. authorities to make Jewish emigrants from Soviet Russia head for Israel.

AFTER OVERCOMING its last hurdle in the Knesset, the 1987/88 state budget is slated on Tuesday to begin its 12-month-long life-span. The Treasury and the Bank of Israel expect much of the budget. After all, it will be the last opportunity to put the economy in order before 1988 brings elections and potential economic havoc. Yet everything seems to indicate that these hopes will not be realized. For the budget was drafted in accordance with notions that will lead to a dead end in a few months.

The budget as approved by the Knesset is the result of several compromises. First there was the compromise between the Treasury and the Histadrut which paved the way for the package deal of January 13. Then, there were the compromises between the Treasury and the individual ministries. Finally, there were the agreements reached between Finance Minister Moshe Nissim and Knesset Finance Committee members. Thus, the budget bears little resemblance to Nissim's original grand design. He had originally planned to reshape the tax system and the capital and money markets. Nevertheless, enough changes are there to leave the minister's imprint on the economy.

But the problem with the budget is not that it does not conform to the Treasury's original plans. State budgets in Israel seldom do so. They always reflect political and social compromises. Yet, this is not what prevents the budget from becoming an efficient tool of policy-making. Compromise facilitates implementing the budget and economic policy, and avoids the large social costs sometimes involved in open conflict.

The problem with the budget,

then, is not that it does not reflect the Treasury's ideas. Rather, in those areas where it should reflect the Finance Ministry's plan, it doesn't, while it does reflect Treasury thinking where it should not. Therefore, the state budget is a poor tool of economic policy.

In areas like allocations for social services and the tax system, Nissim's misguided notions prevailed enough to ensure that the economy will take the wrong path. And, on the other hand, the Treasury was not able to convince a reluctant cabinet that the best thing to do was to stop the impossible financial adventure known as the Lavi fighter project.

THE CHANGES in the tax system initiated by Nissim were meant to benefit those with high incomes. Thus, while the need for an overhaul of the tax system is evident to everybody, it is also clear that major changes were needed in the Treasury's proposals. Knesset members, and even Treasury officials agree that a more just and cheaper tax reform would have entailed lightening the tax burden on low and middle income groups, where the vast majority of the country's wage earners find themselves. At the same time, tax rates on upper incomes should have been increased.

If these two changes would have

Avi Temkin

would, as usual, fall upon the shoulders of the social services. EVEN NOW the social services are enduring great strains due to Treasury policies in recent years. This was the second area in which the Treasury's views unfortunately prevailed. By imposing shock treatment slashes in the social services budgets year after year, the Treasury has led these services to the point of almost total collapse.

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story. After all, public spending reflects political and social choices highlighting the priorities of the parties and the social groups involved in policy making. In other words, as long as the wealthy have greater political clout than sick or old people, it is unlikely that a fundamental change in the ways the budget is drafted will take place.

DEFENCE spending is another area in which the budget has given the wrong answers, especially concerning the Lavi. The Treasury, the Defence Ministry and the army know only too well that the project is beyond Israel's means. Over the coming 10 years, planned expenditures will exceed planned allocations by some \$4 billion. Moreover, the sums that will be spent developing and producing the Lavi will come at the expense of the navy, the ground forces, and even of the air force.

True, scrapping the Lavi would entail some very painful adjustments. But it is also true that it would be better to stop that irrational adventure now when it is possible to minimize losses than in the coming years, when such a move will be forced on Israel and there will be little chance of redirecting invested resources to other needs.

What is needed then is political courage to tell the public that the Lavi is an impossible dream that threatens the country's economy and security. There is not doubt that such a decision will not be popular, since, as usual, Israeli politicians are now victims of their rhetoric. But they must find the strength to tell the public the truth. The Lavi must be stopped.

The writer is a member of the editorial staff of The Jerusalem Post.

## READERS' LETTERS

### THE DENJANJUK TRIAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I agree with Hana Greenfield's view expressed in "As if it happened yesterday" (March 12): it is medically recognized that, after a certain age, we see with perfect clarity images of the past by which we have been affected, while we cannot recollect places and faces we saw recently.

While cross-examining the witnesses, the young lawyers should bear this in mind.

J. DANON

Sir, - At least once during his trial, Pollard was connected to a polygraph to find out the truth. Till now I have not read that Demjanjuk was ever connected during his trial to a polygraph, not even during the most damning accusations of the few surviving Treblinka camp inmates.

I am sure this procedure would be most valuable.

HARRY WEINBERG

Tel Aviv.

### 'CRASH COURSE' CONVERSIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Regarding Sholem B. Kowalsky's article (March 5), I would, too, disagree with a "crash course" conversion by any stream of Judaism, if indeed there are such conversions.

As an educated member of the Jewish laity, I feel that anyone who wishes to convert to Judaism should learn what Judaism is, study its teachings and come to understand its traditions.

I wonder, therefore, about the length of study of the Israeli basketball players who are converted to Judaism, and whose conversions are recognized by the state - and thus by the chief rabbinate.

Perhaps Rabbi Kowalsky should concern himself with alleged "fly-by-night" conversions performed closer to home and sanctioned by the chief rabbinate and the government.

PAUL S. FOX

Jerusalem.

### POISONOUS BORIC ACID

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Boric acid powder is a poison and has killed many people in quantities of less than one teaspoonful, contrary to what was reported by the veteran seafarer quoted by Martha Meizels in her marketing column in the Post magazine of March 27. Please warn your readers.

ARYEH GAIDEMAK  
(Chief pharmacist, Poriya government hospital)

Tiberias.

## HERZOG

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police, prison and criminal matters, indicated that unless Herzog did grant pardons, MKs in his faction would table private members' bills calling for such action.

Minister without Portfolio Yosef Shapira (national Religious Party) applauded the president for distinguishing between Arab security prisoners, who act against the state, and "Jewish so-called security prisoners who were misguided but had the interests of the state in mind."

The fierce reaction from the left was led by the Citizens Rights Movement, which last night declared it would fight against pardons for the underground with "all legal, parliamentary and public means," at its disposal.

CRM MK Yossi Sarid declared that none of the three men had expressed remorse and complained at efforts to make "terrorist murderers appear as good chaps." The president's decision helped those who made distinctions between "good murders and bad murders."

He noted that no Arab security prisoner had been given a maximum sentence but rather served indeterminate life sentences. Neither were they allowed home leave or reduced sentences for good behavior.

MK Matti Peled of the Progressive List for Peace condemned Herzog's decision as a "prize and an encouragement for terror." The aim of the far right, he said, was not just to free the underground men but to legitimize their crimes.

The president himself said he would not be swayed by pressure or criticism from any direction. The action he had taken, he said, was accepted practice and had been since the earliest days of the state. He denied that a sit down strike by Gush Emunim members in support of the prisoners had affected his decision.

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tifying to Tamir and to his minister, Peres, who has long advocated this approach to peacemaking.

But Prime Minister Shamir expressed "displeasure" yesterday over recent moves by Foreign Ministry officials aimed at setting up an international peace conference.

Interviewed by Israel Radio, Shamir referred to the "campaign led by senior Foreign Ministry officials currently abroad to promote an international conference."

He stressed that the government "had not endorsed and has never accepted" such a move.

Government sources in Jerusalem said yesterday that the Tamir-Li meeting indicated that China had not changed its traditional positions on Israel and the Middle East.

According to the preliminary report received last night in Jerusalem, it seems that the Chinese diplomat did not mention the possibility of establishing formal ties with Israel.

But Foreign Ministry officials said they hoped that the meeting would open the door for additional public contacts between the two countries. They added that the Chinese had made the meeting public because they did not want to be left behind

the Soviets if talks on a conference take a practical turn.

Peres, meeting with visiting Japanese reporters on Friday, said Israel still insisted that China and the Soviet Union establish ties with it as a condition for taking part in a peace conference.

Asked in an Israel Radio interview if a breakthrough on ties was near, Peres replied: "Not yet. We are conducting what is called softening up activity."

Meanwhile, commentators in Hongkong stressed the importance of China's official announcement of the meeting.

"They need not have reported the meeting," said Yao Shingbun, China editor of the Hongkong Standard. "The fact that they chose to do so is certainly significant."

David Chen, China editor of the prestigious South China Morning Post, said Beijing's action "indicates China's willingness to take steps towards improving relations with Israel - although those steps may not bring full diplomatic ties."

He said the relationship was similar to an earlier stage of the dialogue between Beijing and Seoul which, after years of gradually intensifying

commercial and informal political contacts, had led to a broad spectrum of pragmatic ties.

But just as China's links with North Korea precluded, in its view, full normalization with South Korea, said Chen, China still believed its large Moslem minority was reason enough to rule out full ties with Israel.

Diplomatic observers here emphasize China's self-perception as the leader of the nonaligned world as the major factor inhibiting its relationship with Israel.

Hence, these observers said, Beijing's effort to couch this latest development within the UN context - so as not to rankle important Third World states.

Informed sources told The Jerusalem Post that the meeting had been "in the works" for some time and the timing had been determined by the Chinese.

Wolf Blitzer adds: U.S. officials yesterday welcomed China's decision to openly acknowledge its latest diplomatic exchange with Israel. "It certainly is an important development," a State Department source said. "It's a good sign."

Michael Zlotowski adds from Paris:

Israeli scientists and sportsmen will be allowed to enter China, but only if they are invited within the framework of an internationally organized conference or competition.

This was announced here by Chinese Ambassador Zhou Jue, and was confirmed to The Post by a spokesman at the Chinese Embassy.

"Your researchers and sportsmen will be able to come over for international events, provided Israel is a member of the organizing international body," said the spokesman.

### PENFRIENDS

ELIZABETH IRELAND (50), of Robertstown Croft, Archiestown, Moray IV34 7RB, U.K., is married with three children, lives on a farm and would like to correspond with an Israeli woman. She is interested in animals, history and needlework.

P.C. BALAJI (19), of I-E Kambarachetty St., Korrukupet, Madras, (Pin) 600021, Jamil Nadu, India, would like a female Israeli penfriend about 17-18 years old. He likes reading, sports, drawing cartoons and Indian classical music.

## POSTSCRIPTS

**P.S.** The BBC has bought six black ties for television newscasters to wear during sombre stories.

They were specially commissioned because executives feared that brightly patterned ties, favoured by some reporters and news readers, were inappropriate for certain stories.

The offending ties were spotted recently during a rehearsal of BBC coverage for the death of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who at 87 continues to enjoy good health.

Buckingham Palace knew the corporation was rehearsing the story. A large team of reporters was involved in the exercise.

## U.S. SPY

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the matter was designed to determine whether the information released by Durenberger was accurate and classified and what the exact circumstances were surrounding his statements.

Senate Resolution 400 provides that it is the duty of the Ethics Committee "to investigate unauthorized disclosures of classified information by a member, officer or employee of the Senate, and to report to the Senate concerning any allegations which it finds to be substantiated."

Durenberger could not be reached for comment yesterday.

But after the initial report of his remarks was published in The Jerusalem Post, he pointedly did not deny their accuracy. He insisted that his intention had been simply to relay "public speculation that the U.S. may have had intelligence sources within Israel."

The dilemma facing the Senate Ethics Committee is that if it censures Durenberger, it would appear to be confirming the authenticity of his allegations. But if he is not censured for releasing classified information, members fear, the Senate would run the risk of being considered irresponsible.

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**מלך של זדה"ב**  
The Pedestrians' Safety Campaign is under way

The Road Safety Administration has launched a major pedestrians' safety campaign

Thousands are already taking part  
Thousands of volunteers wearing 10 tags are going out every day to dangerous traffic junctions in the cities. Volunteers who see pedestrians endangering their lives on the roads approach them courteously and point out their dangerous errors. They are also distributing a handy "Pocket Safety Guide" with rules of safe pedestrian conduct.

Anyone can take part  
Any safety-conscious pedestrian can take part in the campaign, keeping an eye out for pedestrians, especially children and senior citizens who make mistakes that endanger their lives; calling their attention to the danger and explaining how they can avoid getting hurt. That's a word of **דאט** (road safety)

If a volunteer should happen to call your attention to an error, accept his comments understandingly. Let's all participate in the campaign and so help make pedestrians safe on the roads.

**So now is the time to tell and be told**  
**מלך של זדה"ב**

The Road Safety Administration of the Transport Ministry, in cooperation with the Israel Police, Civil Defence, Ministry of Education and Culture, National Accident Prevention Council, youth movements and volunteer organizations.